



Is Vigilante Action Justified?

LUNA'S NEXT CINEMA POLITICA SCREENING IS *WIEBO'S WAR* ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Whistler, BC – January 25, 2012

LUNA and Whistler Public Library present the suspenseful – and disturbing – Genie nominated film, *Wiebo's War*, as the next Cinema Politica offering. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012, and the film begins at 7:00 p.m. BYO mug for a free organic, Fair Trade tea.

Wiebo Ludwig is the prime suspect in a recent string of pipeline bombings. The bombings echo a campaign of sabotage he waged against the oil and gas industry in the 1990s – barricading roads, blowing up stuff, vandalism, and culminating in the unsolved death of a sixteen-year-old girl on his family's farm.

The Ludwig family lives 800 kilometres north of Calgary in Alberta, in the heart of Canada's oil patch. They came twenty-five years ago, wanting to live more closely in accordance with their Christian beliefs. They built their community in the wilderness with their own hands, not knowing that it lay on top of one of the largest undeveloped fields of natural gas on the continent. Others accept whatever buyout is on offer from the oil and gas industry. Wiebo and his family – after years of trying to deal with the industry, politicians, the media, and livestock deaths, miscarriages and deformities - went to war.

The community is self-sufficient in food and electricity, but isolated. Apart from Wiebo and his wife Mamie, there are five married couples, seven unmarried adults and thirty-eight grandchildren, many entering their teenage years. They are security conscious, aware that they are being watched. They are open to the outside world, but guarded, and they believe that those who don't share their beliefs, like filmmaker David York, are living in terrible darkness.

LUNA and Cinema Politica invited Wiebo Ludwig to talk at this screening, however Wiebo declined. His cancer has made him too ill to travel.

Post-film discussion will be led by Kim Slater, Environmental Coordinator for the Resort Municipality of Whistler. She holds an MA in International Relations from the University of Toronto and is training for the Edge to Edge marathon this June, which she is using to build awareness around proposed pipeline expansion projects and the impact they will have on Canadian values such as clean water, intact pristine boreal forest, sacred fishing grounds, climate change commitments, jobs and Canada's reputation abroad. Slater plans to raise funds to protect the Great Bear Rainforest, which is being threatened by Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline proposal.

<http://www.wieboswar.com>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/story/2011/10/21/edmonton-wiebo-ludwig-cancer.html>

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