



SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

Greetings! Tansi! Oki! Danit'ada! Tawnshi! Aaniin! Aba washded! Hau!
Iyuskin/Kuwa! Bienvenue!

The Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC or “the Committee”) brings together different perspectives and provides a forum to share knowledge and create mutual understandings. The programs and policies of the IAMC are designed to build capacity within all impacted Indigenous Nations to effectively and meaningfully participate in the monitoring and oversight of the Line 3 Replacement Program (L3RP).

Second Membership Term

In February 2020, the Committee welcomed the second term of IAMC members. The second term met for its inaugural meeting on February 25th & 26th, 2020, at the Canada Energy Regulator’s (CER) head office in Calgary. The meeting was a great introduction to the new team, and continued positive work regarding Indigenous monitoring and the L3RP.

We are happy to introduce Marci Riel of the Manitoba Metis Federation, the government of the Metis Nation’s Manitoba Metis Community, as the second term’s Indigenous co-chair for the L3 IAMC and Kyra Northwest from Samson Cree First Nation in Treaty 6 territory who will be the alternate Indigenous co-chair.



Marci Riel, Indigenous Co-Chair



Kyra Northwest, Alternate Indigenous Co-chair

The current Committee members are as follows:

- Marci Riel – Indigenous Co-Chair
- Coral deShield, Natural Resources Canada – Government Co-Chair
- Kyra Northwest – Alternate Indigenous Co-Chair
- Jon Timlin, Canada Energy Regulator – Alternate Government Co-Chair
- Richard Aisaican
- Tribal Chief Mark Arcand
- Holly Geddes
- Minister Wendy Gervais
- Barb Hobson
- Mike Oka
- Tribal Chief Isabel O'Soup
- Chief Matthew T. Peigan
- Kirk Poitras
- Ruby Quinney
- Mike Sutherland
- Preston Swan
- Chief Lorie Whitecalf

Further information, including bios and contact information, are available on the Committee's website www.iamc-line3.com.

COVID-19

Since the second term began, the IAMC has had to adjust and accommodate to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the guidance of public health officials, the Committee put in-person meetings on hold in mid-March and postponed the Committee's strategic planning work to allow members to focus on preparing their communities to respond to the global health crisis.

Throughout April and May, the Committee transitioned to working virtually via teleconference, videoconference, and email. In addition to regular Committee meetings, the Committee has had virtual briefings with Enbridge and the CER.

Herschel Pump Station Incident

On April 30, the CER notified the Committee of an oil release at an Enbridge pump station in Herschel, Saskatchewan. The Committee held a virtual briefing with the CER on May 1 and with Enbridge on May 6. The sessions provided opportunities for Committee members to ask questions and to verify that the release had not impacted any First Nation reserves, Metis Nation communities, or cultural or traditional sites. The CER deployed an inspection officer to the release site to verify the company's response.

On May 1, IAMC member Chief Lorie Whitecalf visited the site to observe the cleanup and to meet with Enbridge. Chief Whitecalf also met with CER's onsite inspector. On May 4, Enbridge notified the Committee that all free-standing oil had been recovered and sent to registered waste facilities. Enbridge also confirmed that impacted soil and free product have been recovered from the release site, and remediation is ongoing. Third party sampling is ongoing and Enbridge will continue to focus on recovering the remaining impacted soil.

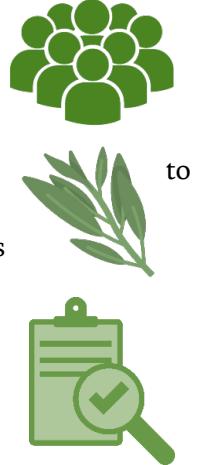
The IAMC will continue to monitor the event and to recommend improvements in emergency management protocols.

IAMC Work Plan

In April and May 2020, the Committee initiated a process to develop work plans and associated budgets for its 2020-21 programming priorities. The Committee reviewed and approved the plans and budgets in June 2020.

The IAMC's priorities build on its first 2½ years of program development:

- Transition the Indigenous Monitoring Program from construction to the Operational Phase of the L3RP;
- Continue developing capacity building workshops that provide technical training to potentially impacted Nations;
- Work with the CER and Enbridge to ensure emergency plans and protocols address concerns of Indigenous Nations;
- Share information in a cooperative and transparent manner to foster improved relationships and collaboration; and
- Advise the regulator and government on how to more meaningfully include Indigenous knowledge and interests and better protect traditional lands and resources



As we move forward in this pandemic environment, the Committee remains committed to advancing the shared interests in the L3RP.

CER: Compliance Verification in a Pandemic

Although the COVID-19 pandemic is changing the way the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) regulates, the regulator remains committed to effective oversight and fulfilling its mandate to protect people and the environment.

Many activities are being held virtually, including information sessions and technical conferences. Other activities, such as financial audits, have been deferred until later in the year. Inspections and compliance verification activities are going ahead with extra precautions to keep people safe, or using technology to reduce close personal interactions. The CER has also taken steps to adapt its emergency response plans and will continue to respond safely to any event during this pandemic. For more information on how CER has adapted its activities during the pandemic can be found at www.cer-rec.gc.ca.

Enbridge Update on Pandemic Response and Decommissioning

COVID-19: Enbridge has put in place protocols to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and to protect the health and safety of employees and the public. One such measure is working with Indigenous partners to postpone in-person engagement activities, while continuing to connect via telephone and computer.

L3RP Decommissioning Update: The replacement pipeline for the L3RP went into service December 2019. Enbridge is in the early stages of decommissioning the legacy Line 3 in Canada, which they anticipate

completing by the end of 2022. Enbridge continues to engage with Indigenous communities on the draft details of the decommissioning plan, which they anticipate filing in fall 2020, and is available for conference calls and videoconferences.

"A decommissioned pipeline is one that is taken out of service safely and permanently... In the case of Line 3, we have regulatory approval to decommission the pipeline in place, a standard practice which minimizes the potential effects on people and the environment, including the stability issues that surround soil disturbance."

Enbridge has provided a fact sheet on Indigenous Business opportunities during Line 3 Decommissioning, [LINK](#).

More information can be found in Enbridge's [recent newsletter](#).

Contact Us

We value the feedback we receive from communities as the L3RP continues to move forward into decommissioning, reclamation, and operations. In addition to leadership, we encourage Lands and Resources Offices, Consultation Offices, Economic Development Offices, Technicians, and others interested in the work of the IAMC to contact us with feedback. Please contact us at nrcan.line3committee@canada.ca and we can add you to our mailing list and answer any questions you may have.



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