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Introduction

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).

The IAMC is an additional forum for engagement between the Government of Canada, Canada Energy Regulator (CER), and impacted Indigenous Nations to address common priorities related to the L3RP. The IAMC is not a forum to advance specific interests of individual Nations and does not replace or diminish any right of individual Indigenous Nations to be consulted and accommodated by the Government with respect to the L3RP.

L3 IAMC Indigenous Monitoring Report

The Indigenous Monitoring program, a foundational program implemented by the IAMC, is delivered through partnerships with Indigenous Nations to employ Indigenous Monitors with the aim to incorporate Indigenous knowledge and perspectives in the monitoring of energy infrastructure.

In an effort to summarize this valuable work and look for opportunities for improvement, the Committee is working with Jade Dewar, an IAMC Indigenous Monitor from the Manitoba Metis Federation, to undertake a review of the Indigenous Monitoring Program and provide a report out to potentially impacted Nations. The aim of this Monitoring Program Report is to summarize the activities and outcomes of the monitoring program over the past year, and provide recommendations in moving forward.

Through this project, Jade will conduct interviews with Indigenous Monitors, Inspection Officers (CER) and employers who participated throughout. Once complete that information will be compiled and shared with the Nations. Jade notes “As an Indigenous Monitor, my goal is to provide this report through the eyes of Indigenous Monitors who participated”. The report will be released in the spring or summer of 2021.

“I am excited to be providing a report on the IAMC Monitoring Program. As the Nations know, the program itself is historic as it was the first time Indigenous Monitors were in the field with federal regulators. There have been a ton of positive outcomes and experiences from the program and I am happy to highlight those outcomes in the report. You can also expect honest feedback from participants for areas of improvement, guidance and direction of the program going forward.”

- Jade Dewar

IAMC Line 3 Highlights

The Line 3 IAMC continues to advance its work to support all impacted Nations effectively and meaningfully to participate in the Line 3 Replacement Program (L3RP) amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. In the spring of 2020, the Committee moved to a virtual environment to ensure the safety of all Committee members and the Nations they represent. **Indigenous Monitoring, Capacity Building, and Emergency Management** remain key areas of work for the Committee.

The **Indigenous Monitoring program** has continued to support the important work of the IAMC Monitors. With pipeline construction completed in December 2019, the work of the Monitors has shifted in focus from construction monitoring to decommissioning and reclamation. This unprecedented time requires the monitors to adapt how they do their work to continue to support a cultural exchange while working alongside Canadian Energy Regulator (CER) inspection officers conducting environmental and safety monitoring. More detail on this year's monitoring activity and findings can be found on our website at <http://iamc-line3.com/line-3-replacement-program-monitoring-activities-in-2020/>.

Training and capacity building remains a priority area for the Committee as it supports Indigenous Nations' engagement in the regulatory process. This year the Committee has been working with consultants to develop a 'Wise Practices' report for Nations to provide information and tools to engage with industry. The Committee is also funding two training opportunities to support the capacity of Indigenous Nations to conduct aquatic and wetland monitoring in Manitoba. Going forward, the Committee is exploring ways to support ongoing training related to regulatory oversight, building on the success of workshops held in 2019-20.

Emergency Management is another key priority area of the Committee. The Committee recently had opportunities to participate in two Table Top exercises held by Enbridge: a chance for Enbridge to test their ability to communicate and activate response efforts at times of emergency. The Committee is also working with Siksika Emergency Management Department to develop research on the state of emergency preparedness in Indigenous Nations and the available tools and resources, and to set out a draft emergency management program framework that Nations can use to integrate pipeline emergency response efforts with all-hazards emergency management.

"This is an important and exciting year ahead for the Committee as it begins its work to develop options through co-development and communication and engagement with impacted Nations, for renewing the L3RP beyond March 2022."

- Marci Riel, Indigenous Co-Chair

Looking Ahead

Monitoring and oversight will continue to be a key Committee priority to protect the land, air, water, species, and cultural and natural resources within the Line 3 corridor. As the Committee approaches the fifth year of its initial five-year mandate, it is planning for the year ahead; a key focus will be a review of the Committee's learnings and achievements to date and arriving at recommendations for the program after March 2022. The Committee looks forward to working with its federal partners to co-develop options for renewal and to participate in an evaluation of the program to date. The Committee has accomplished a lot over the last four years, and will continue its efforts to enhance the relationship between Indigenous Nations, the Government, and the CER with respect to L3RP activities in 2021-2022.

Update from Enbridge

The relationship between Enbridge and IAMC continued to evolve in 2020, despite a challenging year for engagement. A key initiative, as we move toward a life-cycle engagement approach for our assets and operations, was the introduction of an Indigenous Emergency Response Notification Protocol. Developed by Enbridge with input from the IAMC in response to the Herschel, SK incident, the Notification Protocol establishes a well-defined process for notification of Indigenous Nations, Governments and groups in the event of a pipeline incident. The Notification Protocol was put to the test during an incident in Youngstown, AB and recently during two virtual “table-top” emergency response exercises. The IAMC and other Nations, Governments and groups participated in these drills and we are very appreciative for the valuable input which has helped to further refine the protocol.

In May 2021, Enbridge will be conducting a Full-Scale Exercise on the Souris River near Wawanesa, Manitoba to demonstrate our emergency response process. The IAMC is well represented on the planning committee (Marci Reil, Mike Sutherland, Holly Geddes), helping to ensure the exercise considers Indigenous perspectives. An invite to participate in this exercise to better understand how Enbridge would respond to a large-scale incident will be coming out shortly.

Meanwhile, in November 2020, Enbridge announced concrete steps to increase diversity within our workforce, which includes contributing to Indigenous reconciliation through enhanced hiring efforts and supporting mandatory cultural awareness training for employees and contractors. These initiatives are part of a broader approach to diversity and inclusion that includes goals for representation of women, racial and ethnic groups, people with disabilities and veterans.

We’ve set a goal of 3.5% representation of Indigenous peoples by 2025. We’re also working to identify and set economic inclusion targets, including our activities with Indigenous-owned businesses, contractors and suppliers throughout our supply chain and procurement process. In addition, beginning in 2021, all new employees will routinely complete Indigenous cultural awareness training when joining Enbridge; by the end of 2022, all employees and contractors will have taken the training.

Update from Natural Resources Canada

“I am excited to continue our approach of co-development and partnership as part of the renewal of the Line 3 IAMC. Options for the future of the Committee will be developed in partnership with the CER, Indigenous Committee members, and through engagement with the Nations.”

– Tracy Fleck, Director General, Indigenous Partnerships Office – West, NRCan

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), working alongside the Canada Energy Regulator (CER), is supporting Indigenous involvement in monitoring the Line 3 Replacement Project for the full project lifecycle. With the IAMC-Line 3’s initial five-year funding set to end in March 2022, NRCan is advancing renewal grounded in the principles of co-development and partnership. NRCan looks forward to engaging in dialogue with the Committees, Nations and partners over the coming months to set out visions for the future of the IAMCs.

As one input into this work, NRCan will be conducting an evaluation to reflect on achievements, successes, and challenges of the IAMCs (both Line 3 and TMX) to date and highlight opportunities moving forward. The evaluation will also be an opportunity to explore new ways of working together. Indigenous Committee members will be involved in every step of the evaluation including scoping, planning data collection methods, and responding to recommendations and findings. We invite anyone who is interested in commenting on the evaluation and renewal of the Line 3 IAMC to contact us at the email address below.

Update from the Canada Energy Regulator

The CER is deeply committed to Reconciliation and the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. When Indigenous peoples are meaningfully involved in our work, we can bring together our collective perspectives – Indigenous knowledge and world views and Western knowledge and approaches – to ensure Canada's federally-regulated pipelines are safe, the environment is protected, and Indigenous rights are recognized and respected.

In February, the CER Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC) and Board of Directors publicly shared that they had co-developed and co-endorsed the Committee's Terms of Reference. While the Committee's mandate is to provide advice to the CER's Board of Directors at a broad and strategic level, the advice will have tangible impacts in our day-to-day operations. The CER will, for example, seek the Committee's advice on approaches to Indigenous peoples' involvement in CER compliance and oversight activities, and on the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within the CER's work. This advice will bring meaningful changes to the way the CER works, including in its oversight, expectations and requirements of the CER's regulated companies.

This joint announcement gave us the opportunity to share publicly what we have been talking about inside the CER for some time: that we are learning from the past so we can do better in the future. We openly acknowledged the systemic racism in our country, and by extension Canadian institutions, including government. And we shared that, as a regulator, while we are making progress, there is still a lot of work to do before we achieve the spirit and intent of Reconciliation.

We are grateful for the partnerships we have with the Line 3 and Trans Mountain IAMCs, and now, the CER IAC. We are excited to keep taking steps down the path towards strengthening our relationship with Indigenous Peoples in 2021-2022 and beyond.

"These are exciting times for the Canada Energy Regulator. We are grateful for the partnerships we have with the Line 3 and Trans Mountain IAMCs, and now, the CER IAC. The work with the IAMCs has helped us to better incorporate Indigenous world views and perspectives, as we work to create a more inclusive and effective regulatory system. I'm personally looking forward to working closely with our Indigenous Advisory Committee as we continue this direction."

- Gitane de Silva, CEO, CER

Contact Us

We value the feedback we receive from communities that are potentially impacted by the activities and events that take place as the L3RP moves 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. The Line 3 IAMC organizes events, activities, and programs. If you are interested in receiving information on these events, if you would like to request a meeting in your community, or if you would like to observe a Committee meeting, please contact us at nrcan.line3committee-comitecanalisation3.nrcan@canada.ca and we can add you to our mailing list and answer any questions you may have.

A big thank you to all of our dedicated Committee members: Barb Hobson, Chief Lorie Whitecalf, Chief Todd Peigan, Coral deShield, Holly Geddes, Jonathin Timlin, Kirk Poitras, Kyra Northwest, Marci Riel, Mike Oka, Mike Sutherland, Preston Swan, Richard Aisaican, Ruby Quinney, Tribal Chief Isabel O'Soup, Tribal Chief Mark Arcand, and Wendy Gervais.



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**Haihai!
Isniyes!**

**Nitsíniyi'taki!
Philamayaye!**

**Siyasgaas!
Pidamayado!**

Marsee!

**Meeqwetch!
Merci!**