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



Third term membership

In case you missed it, the Secretariat announced in the first edition of the [Line 3 IAMC News Update](#) new and returning committee members for the third term.

We are pleased to welcome back Marci Riel, Kyra Northwest, Chief Matthew T. Peigan, Tribal Chief Isabel O'Soup, Barb Hobson, Kirk Poitras, Tribal Chief Mark Arcand and Mike Sutherland, as well as Richard Aisaican.

We are also pleased to introduce five new members Melvin Abraham, Minister Marg Friesen, Minister Tim Roussin, Bradley Swiftwolfe and Don Ross.

The Third term committee met with the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources, on May 31 and engaged in dialogue, sharing perspectives and highlighting the importance of continuing the work of the Line 3 IAMC.

This date marked a milestone as it was the first meeting of the third Term Committee and the first meeting for Line 3 IAMC with Minister Wilkinson.



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| — Métis Nation – Alberta | — Manitoba First Nations |
| — Alberta First Nations | — Manitoba Métis Federation |
| — Saskatchewan First Nations | — Natural Resources Canada |
| — Métis Nation – Saskatchewan | — Canada Energy Regulator |

Special thanks to Marci Riel who took on the incredible role of Indigenous Co-chair during the second term membership. She will remain on the IAMC as a Committee Member and, with her vast experience and knowledge, will continue to make invaluable contributions.

Stepping into the role is Richard Aisaican from Cowesses First Nation. Congratulations to Richard for taking on the role of Indigenous Co-chair for the third term membership!



May 31, 2022, meeting between Line 3 IAMC and Minister Wilkinson.

Back row, L-R: Coral deShield, Bradley Swiftwolfe, Kirk Poitras, Minister Wilkinson, Tribal Chief Mark Arcand, Richard Aisaican and Jonathan Timlin.

Front row, L-R: Don Ross, Ruby Quinney, Barb Hobson, Kyra Northwest, Mike Sutherland and Marci Riel.

Message from the Indigenous Co-Chair



Greetings to all.

I am honoured and humbled to serve as the Indigenous Co-Chair for the third term membership of the Line 3 IAMC. A big welcome to our new members and great to continue working alongside those returning to the committee.

I am pleased to announce our third term subcommittee chairs:

- Barb Hobson (Swan Lake First Nation) as the Indigenous Monitoring Subcommittee Chair;
- Melvin Abraham (Frog Lake First Nation) as the Emergency Management Subcommittee Chair;
- Tribal Chief Isabel O'Soup (Yorkton Tribal Council) as the Training and Capacity Chair; and
- Chief Matthew T. Peigan (Pasqua First Nation) as the Communications and Engagement Subcommittee Chair.

It's been a busy summer as the Committee met on several occasions to discuss our biggest priority: funding renewal.

We are working closely with Natural Resources Canada on finalizing a renewal proposal by September to support the work that we do for the lifecycle of the Line 3 Replacement Program. We also continue to meet with the Canada Energy Regulator and Enbridge on a regular basis.

The Committee and I will be turning to you for support and feedback, and this opportunity to meet in-person will take place at the Line 3 IAMC Line-Wide Gathering this November.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the Line-Wide Gathering to discuss and hear your thoughts on the Committee's mandate and work for the future.

It is also with mixed emotions that I announce that Coral deShield, Line 3 IAMC Federal Co-Chair, and Jane Mather, Senior Policy Analyst, have moved on to new opportunities. Coral and Jane were long-standing members of the Line 3 IAMC and Secretariat team. They made invaluable contributions over the last few years and they will be missed! To demonstrate our gratitude, leading up to their last day, the Line 3 IAMC presented a Star Blanket and ribbon skirt.

David Murray, Deputy Director at Natural Resources Canada, will lead the Line 3 IAMC Secretariat while Natural Resources Canada looks for a replacement for a Director to serve as the Federal Co-Chair.

Meegwetch | Hai hai | Ish nish | Nitsíniyi'taki
| Philámayaye | Masi chok | Marsii

- Richard Aisaican

Tour of the Enbridge Edmonton Terminal

On June 27, 2022, the Line 3 IAMC had the opportunity to tour Enbridge's Edmonton Terminal located in Sherwood Park, Alberta.



Enbridge hosts Brent Young (Terminal Coordinator) and Ryan Lowe (Terminal Manager) kicked off the meet and greet with a safety briefing and quick information session in their office building.



Some quick facts:

- The Enbridge Edmonton Terminal moves an average of 1.25 million barrels of oil a day.
- Line 3 runs from Edmonton Terminal to the Hardisty Terminal, both in Alberta, and continues to Gretna, Manitoba as the Line 3 Replacement pipeline, operationally known as Line 93.
- Line 3 carries over 390,000 barrels per day of light crude and condensate oils.
- Line 93 (the Line 3 Replacement) carries 760,000 barrels per day of light and heavy crude.

After the presentation, Line 3 IAMC members and Secretariat members boarded a waiting bus, which took them through the facility.

The Enbridge Edmonton Terminal is the starting point of a cross-continent mainline crude oil pipeline system, with a total shell capacity of 10 million barrels.

The bus made a loop around the facility and participants saw "pipeline alley," manifolds, geodesic domes, tanks, pipeline pigs and pump stations.



Manifolds, a series of valves to flow and re-direct oil.



Geodesic dome on a tank.

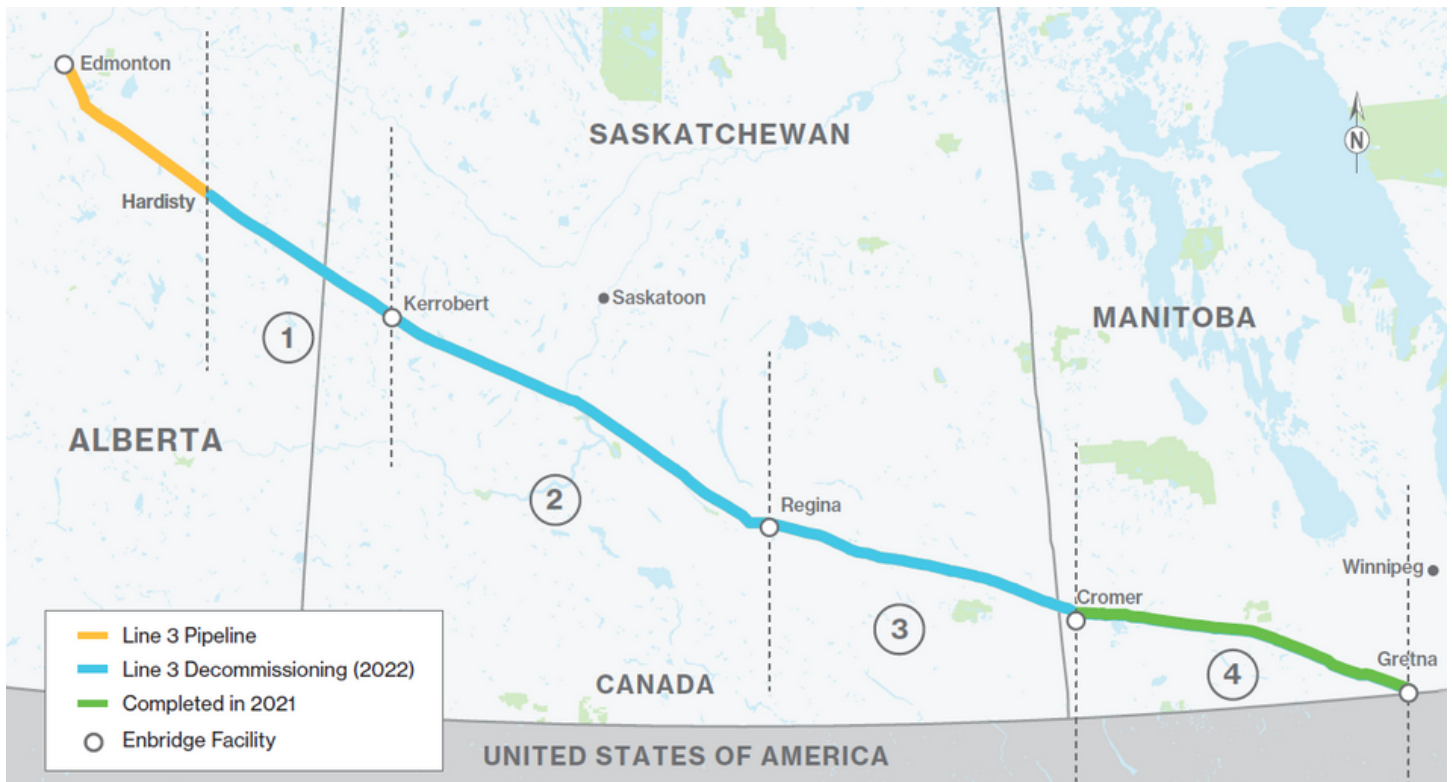


Pipeline pigs, large gadgets used to perform maintenance operations without stopping the flow of product in the pipeline.

Thanks to Enbridge for hosting and guiding the Line 3 IAMC on this tour!

Update from Enbridge on decommissioning activities

Line 3 decommissioning continues with Line 3 IAMC participation



Along a 1,097-km corridor – stretching underground across the Prairies from Hardisty, Alberta, to the U.S. border at Gretna, Manitoba – is a new, 36-inch pipeline placed into service by Enbridge in October 2019.

With the above-ground pipeline right-of-way returned to its pre-construction condition, work to decommission the ‘legacy’ Line 3 is well underway in 2022.

“This is the final step toward completing the entire Line 3 Replacement Program in Canada,” said Construction Manager Allen Sawatzky. **“We’re done in most of Manitoba and this year we’re focused on the remaining segments of Line 3 from Hardisty and throughout Saskatchewan to west of Cromer (Manitoba).”**

Update from Enbridge on decommissioning activities continued...

Like last year in Manitoba, Line 3 IAMC monitors, with First Nations and Métis background, are visiting decommissioning sites to ensure compliance and provide another layer of Indigenous perspective as the work progresses.

The decommissioning project in 2022 is focused on three segments, the 255-km leg from Regina to Cromer, Hardisty to Kerrobert (176 km) and Kerrobert to Regina (355 km).

Work in each segment has a peak workforce of about 60, including crews of between seven and 10 construction and contract personnel.

“Decommissioning is a logistically challenging job,” said Sawatzky. **“It’s different than building a pipeline – you don’t just work from kilometre zero to kilometre 100 in a straight line. You go back-and-forth, from site-to-site, and the particular job in Manitoba in 2021 involved 31 different locations for segmentation, valve isolation and for installing engineered material in the pipe beneath railway and road crossings.”**

There are 23 locations for segmentation, valve isolation and railway fill between Hardisty and Kerrobert, 34 locations between Kerrobert and Regina and 40 locations between Regina and Cromer.

Inclusion is an important component of the Line 3 decommissioning, with the selection of an Indigenous-owned general contractor in each of the segments.

Pictured during 2021 work in Manitoba are (from left): Travis Favel (Enbridge); Ellis Cochrane (Peguis First Nation); Dennis Esperance (Enbridge); and Jade Dewar (Manitoba Metis Federation).



An update from the CER

In July, the CER's CEO Gitane De Silva met with members of the Line 3 IAMC Committee in-person for the first time and had an opportunity to share a meal and get to know the Committee members personally. At the meeting, the CEO discussed the CER's progress to date and reaffirmed its commitment to the renewal of the Line 3 IAMC.

2022 CER Environmental Protection Inspections:

Operational collaboration continues between the CER and the Line 3 IAMC's Indigenous Monitors.

While there are fewer Compliance Verification Activities (CVAs) due to the operational status of Line 3, joint CER/Indigenous Monitoring activities have focused on the decommissioning of the legacy pipeline (including three inspections that will focus on pipeline segmentation, isolation, and railway fills). Two of the three inspections were completed earlier this year.

The next decommissioning inspection will take place Oct 3-7 - Segment 2 (Kerrobert, SK to Regina, SK) - CV2223-037. Focus will be on Segment 2 Segmentation/Isolation/Railway Fill. Segment 2 is 354.58 km in length from Kerrobert Terminal KP 351.291 to Regina Terminal KP 704.202.

Emergency management:

Over the summer, the Line 3 IAMC Emergency Management Sub-Committee attended planning meetings for Enbridge's Qu'Appelle River Emergency Response Exercise that was conducted in September 2022. The exercise is intended to focus on IAMC participants and monitors who will attend with CER inspections officer. They will discuss and observe emergency response tactics used on water as they view the deployment of spill containment equipment at a predesignated control point. Enbridge technical staff will be present to answer any questions and demonstrate how they would respond.

CER Statement on Reconciliation

On 21 June 2022, National Indigenous Peoples Day, the [CER publicly released its Statement on Reconciliation](#), which was co-endorsed by the CER's Board of Directors and the Indigenous Advisory Committee. This Statement will help ground the CER's Reconciliation work. It sets out a series of guiding principles and values that serve as guideposts for the CER as we move forward on our Reconciliation journey.

Women's Buffalo Treaty Hike



The Line 3 IAMC Secretariat interviewed Kyra Northwest from Montana First Nation and Line 3 IAMC member, on her recent experience on a Women's Buffalo Hike in June 2022.

How did this hike start and what is the purpose of it?

In 2017, I volunteered for a Buffalo Transfer Ceremony hosted at Elk Island National Park and met many different people involved from other Nations and organizations. This ceremony had many people come together to say prayers and blessings for the buffalo being transferred from Elk Island to Banff National Park. I stayed in touch with a number of these individuals, and we came together to think of ways of how we could support the rematriation and re-integration of buffalo in Indigenous Nations and on the landscape.

It was exciting to be a part of a group who were passionate about buffalo, so we planned an annual women's hike. Most of the women who were a part of the hike were Indigenous and from Treaty 6 and 7 territory, as well as a film crew and local guide. The goal of the hike was to connect with each other, with the land and with the buffalo. There were planned hikes in 2019, 2020 and 2022 but I'll share my most recent hike experience in June 2022.



What was the planning process like?

We started the planning as early as last fall, trying to see who was interested and then from January to April, we really started the planning to figure out what we were going to do and look for a guide. We held multiple meetings with the guide to prepare us and the equipment we needed to bring. We were also in a 6-week training program to get us physically ready for the hike. I had to prepare to carry a 50-60 lb pack holding food, tent, sleeping gear, clothes and equipment. We held ceremonies to prepare and buffalo songs were gifted to us for the journey.

Women's Buffalo Treaty Hike continued...

What was your experience on the hike?

We were gone for eight days, from June 6 to June 13, on a trek that was about 90 km round-trip. It was amazing to see how much had changed from my last hike in 2020 and to see that the buffalo herd had grown to around 80, including 16 new calves.

Each day we would wake up early to watch the buffalo near our camp as they rested peacefully or grazed away quietly. I witnessed how much the buffalo provide for the ecosystems that they live with. Birds and squirrels were using buffalo wool for their nests, and by doing so, it increased their young's survival rate by over 60%.



On Day 2 of our hike, we saw buffalo wallowing—lying their back to the ground to scratch—and when we came back on Day 6, at the end of the wallow trail was a beaver dam.

The beaver had opened the dam just a little to fill the wallow spots and it created a plain-like landscape. Because the dam opened, Boreal toads were able to mate in the area and lay their eggs.

What the buffalo did and what the beaver did helped the toads and it goes to show how life and our ecosystems are all interconnected.



It was a great experience to connect with the buffalo and the land. We made sure to sing the songs gifted to us to honour them.

We held a feast, women's pipe ceremony and gave our thanks to the buffalo for allowing us to spend time with them.

Women's Buffalo Treaty Hike continued...

What was your favourite part of the hike?

I really enjoyed waking up early and watching the buffalo. It was really nice to spend quiet time peacefully and be relaxed to take it all in. I feel that we were also very lucky to see Crocuses flowers—these beautiful flowers are first to bloom in the Spring but if you're not in the proper areas, you don't see them. One of my stories about these flowers is what the name crocus means in Cree. In Cree they are called paskwaw mostos otisiy which means a buffalo's belly button and it is called this because it was thought that a crocus would grow wherever a buffalo calf was born.

Hearing the Boreal toads make their mating call was also an interesting and hilarious experience.



What did this hike mean to you?

Growing up, I knew the importance of buffalo to our People because there were songs and ceremony, but I didn't have a connection to them, other than seeing them in a zoo or as fenced herds passing by while I was driving. I learned so much just by observing the buffalo on these hikes and being able to share the land with them.

It was also a tough hike—one of the hardest things I've done so far—but it was worth it. It was amazing and special to connect with the land, learn from the buffalo and witness first-hand how the buffalo supports the land and other animals. I am already looking forward to next year's hike.



Thank you, Kyra, for sharing your unique and special story with us!

Events coming soon

November 28-29 – Save the Dates! Line 3 IAMC Line-Wide Gathering 2022



The graphic features the IAMC logo at the top. Below it, a central white box with a brown border contains the text: **SAVE-THE-DATES** in green, **November 28-29, 2022** in blue, **Line 3 IAMC** in brown, and **Line-Wide Gathering** in brown. Below the box is the URL www.iamc-line3.com. At the bottom, a brown bar lists the names: MEEGWETCH | HAI HAI | ISH NISH | NITSINIYITAKI | PHILAMAYAYE | MASI CHOK | MARSII.

The Line 3 IAMC Line-Wide Gathering is an opportunity to hear updates and engage on the work of the Line 3 IAMC.

This year's event marks a shift as the pipeline is operational.

As the work of the IAMC evolves, the IAMC would like to meet and hear from you!

Please stay tuned for a formal invitation with registration information and details about the event.

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