

What We Heard Report Line-Wide Gathering 2023



Dakota Dunes Resort
Whitecap Dakota First Nation
Saskatchewan
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We acknowledge that the land on which the event took place is that of Whitecap Dakota First Nation.

The success of this event is attributable to the hard work and contributions of IAMC members, Elders, cultural performers and guest speakers coming together, sharing their talents and expertise.

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Thank you to our Indigenous Co-Chair, Richard Aisaican, for assuming multiple roles as host and presenter for the event; and to each of our presenters and guest speakers, with honourable mentions Kaella-Marie Earle (Vice-Chairperson of the CER Indigenous Advisory Committee) for delivering a captivating keynote address, and Tracy Sletto (CEO of the CER) and Kimberley Lavoie (Assistant Deputy Minister of NRCan) for their remarks.

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Lastly, thank you to all the attendees for taking time to travel and participate in this year's Line-Wide Gathering. We strive to incorporate the interests and priorities of Indigenous Nations along the Line 3 pipeline right of way into our work. Your contributions are important to us.

We look forward to continuing engagement and dialogue with Indigenous Nations and Regions along Line 3.

Thank you | Meegwetch | Hai hai | Ish nish | Nitsíniyi'taki | Philámayaye | Masi chok | Maarsii



PARTICIPANTS

Thank you to representatives from the following Nations who accepted our invitation to the 2023 Line-Wide Gathering:

Carry the Kettle First Nation	Manitoba Métis Federation	Samson Cree Nation
Cowessess First Nation	Métis Nation of Alberta	Sucker Creek First Nation
Day Star First Nation	Métis Nation of Saskatchewan	Swan Lake First Nation
Enoch Cree Nation	Montana First Nation	White Bear First Nation
Ermineskin Cree Nation	Moosomin First Nation	Yorkton Tribal Council
Frog Lake First Nation	Mosquito Grizzly Bears Head Lean Man First Nation	Zagime Anishinabek
George Gordon First Nation	Muskowekwan First Nation	Canada Energy Regulator
Kahkewistahaw First Nation	One Arrow First Nation	Natural Resources Canada
Kawacatoose First Nation	Pasqua First Nation	Enbridge
Louis Bull Tribe	Peguis First Nation	

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ACRONYMS

APM	Action Plan Measure
CER	Canada Energy Regulator
IAMC	Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee
NRCan	Natural Resources Canada
UNDA	<i>United Nations Declaration Act</i>
UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

OVERVIEW

We are pleased to present this report from the 2023 Line Wide Gathering, which was held on October 11-12, 2023 at the Dakota Dunes Resort & Casino located on the beautiful lands of the Whitecap Dakota First Nation.

The invitation was sent to over 100 Indigenous Nations and Regions along the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline encouraging leadership, Elders, youth and technicians across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to attend.



There were 110 participants including Line 3 IAMC members, First Nations and Métis Nation leadership and technicians, and representatives from Enbridge, Natural Resources Canada and the Canada Energy Regulator.

The purpose of the Line-Wide Gathering was to share the Line 3 IAMC's progress and achievements over the past 12 months and to seek feedback from the Nations on the future direction of the Line 3 IAMC.

On day one of the event, there were presentations on the history of the Line 3 IAMC, achievements over the last year, honouring Elders actively involved on the IAMC, funding renewal and the future of the IAMC, Emergency Management and Training for Indigenous Regulatory Involvement, as well as remarks from NRCan and the CER.

There was an optional Sharing Circle for Line 3 IAMC discussions on UNDA Action Plan Measure 12, a safe space to share, educate, inform, and support each other around Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, 2SLGBTQI+, and resource development. There was also an optional stargazing activity hosted by White Cap Dakota First Nation.



On day two, there was a keynote address by Kaella-Marie Earle, Vice-Chairperson of the CER Indigenous Advisory Committee, a world café session that discussed the committee's structure, how to increase Elder and youth participation and Indigenous monitoring, and a presentation on collaboration and building relationships.

Throughout both days, the Committee received valuable insights and recommendations which have been summarized in this report and will influence the Committee's work over the next year.

KEY THEMES AND WHAT WE HEARD

The Line 3 IAMC heard many great ideas and received advice and perspectives throughout the event.

The discussion outcomes into key themes including importance of Indigenous involvement on energy projects; innovative engagement processes; establishment of an Indigenous regulatory body; and preservation and education of traditional Indigenous culture and knowledge.



1. Role of the IAMC

- The IAMCs are crucial partners for the CER, NRCan, and other federal departments to ensure Indigenous involvement and partnership in energy projects. Much was achieved over since the start of the committee, forming a new way of working with federal government and regulator, but understanding more work still needs to be done.
- Specifically, the Line 3 IAMC supports Indigenous involvement in the monitoring and oversight of the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project. With decommissioning of the pipeline complete and the new line operational, the Line 3 IAMC is exploring new potential directions.
- The Line 3 IAMC aims to increase and expand training for Line 3 IAMC Indigenous Monitors; continue to engage with Indigenous Nations to cultivate awareness in the work of the IAMC and of opportunities; and keep the proponent accountable.
- Some suggestions were to increase Elder and youth engagement; implement a clear communication strategy for the IAMC, allowing Nations to evaluate the committee's effectiveness and hold it accountable; educating communities; prioritizing travel amongst communities; holding regional roundtables; and infusing Indigenous elements and values into meetings.
- There were questions on the IAMC's role and the benefits to Nations, as well as concerns about land and environmental impacts from energy projects. The Line 3 IAMC is nonpolitical and serves the Nations they represent along the Line 3 pipeline project. Further recommendations include Elder involvement in all activities, increased land-based training, educational outreach in areas of cultural importance, the need for governance and data-sharing agreements and policies that are mutually beneficial for communities.
- The IAMC remains committed to improving communication and collaboration with communities and Nations.

2. Funding Renewal:

- The Line 3 IAMC underwent an evaluation, which affirmed its sustainability as a model demonstrating Canada's commitment to reconciliation and implementing UNDRIP.
- The Line 3 IAMC hosted three regional engagement sessions over the spring and summer of 2023 where participants discussed future possible directions including exploring governance changes and a potential expansion of scope to other CER-regulated projects along the Enbridge Line 3 right-of-way. The discussions from the regional engagements helped the Line 3 IAMC develop and submit a budget

proposal to the federal government to renew funding to support the work of the IAMC for the next five years. A consensus on a five-year renewal emerged as an important condition to continue the IAMC's goals and work without disruption.

- The budget proposal was co-developed with the IAMC Indigenous Caucus members, the CER and NRCan.
- The budget proposal reflects community feedback, which was achieved at the Line 3 IAMC regional engagement sessions throughout the spring and summer of 2023.
- There were concerns about the IAMC's continuity since its future relies on securing appropriate funding however, there are legal mechanisms supporting Canada's commitments, considering Bill C-15 (UNDA) and commitment to the lifecycle of the IAMC projects.

3. Community Engagement and Challenges:

- While the IAMC is not consultative body, participants shared their experiences with Enbridge, highlighting a lack of transparency, inadequate consultation with rights-holders, and unclear guidelines for Indigenous engagement. Suggestions were made to implement a comprehensive approach from the beginning, including legal hiring, feasibility studies, and budget creation. Concerns were also raised about the lack of information and engagement at various stages of the Line 3 project and regional roundtables to educate communities on future projects.
- There was a general recommendation to explore a proponent hand guide to streamline processes including how to engage an Indigenous Nation or Region.
- Federal partners need to do better with engagement in line with its commitment to improve relationships with Indigenous Nations, moving from consultation and engagement to a true partnership.
- There is a need for increased inclusion of impacted Indigenous Nations in IAMC work and greater collaboration between communities and the IAMC.

4. Finding and preserving Indigenous culture and heritage:

- Participants highlighted the importance of taking care of the environment but also preserving Indigenous culture and heritage. During the Line 3 Replacement Project, Indigenous Monitors were not properly trained which led to improper removal of archaeological finds.
- Increased efforts are needed to preserve Indigenous heritage and accountability of governments and industry to fulfill promises to protect Indigenous heritage.
- There was a recommendation to explore initiatives like cross-cultural camps for industry, regulator, and government employees.

5. Action Plan Measure 34 and Establishing an Indigenous Regulatory Body:

- Ray Cardinal, the IAMC-TMX Indigenous Co-Chair, was invited to speak on this topic as the IAMC-TMX has been playing a significant role in co-developing the draft APM 34, which focuses on the establishment of an Indigenous regulatory authority. This is in line with what the Line 3 IAMC heard and was discussed at the regional engagement sessions.
- There are four parts of the APM 34: addressing ministerial arrangements, amending CER onshore pipeline regulations, developing a systemic model for Indigenous involvement in regulation development and review, and identifying ways for Indigenous governing bodies to exercise regulatory authority.

- UNDRIP Article #18 focuses on the rights of leadership to participate in decision-making. He outlined different levels of Indigenous participation, highlighting the importance of leaders and Elders in decision-making processes, especially concerning artifacts.
- The incorporation of specific localized Indigenous knowledge into CER regulations was discussed, specifically introducing the term "sites of Indigenous significance" and emphasizing the importance of articulating what matters to Indigenous communities.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Work of the Line 3 IAMC remains a priority for Indigenous Nations and Regions.
- Building on existing work, ongoing engagement and collaboration is a key priority. This includes increased inclusion of the Indigenous Nations in IAMC work and greater collaboration between communities and the IAMC.
- Due to the constant changes with leadership in Nations/Regions/communities, ongoing education about the Line 3 IAMC history, mandate and ongoing work should form the basis of all future engagements.
- Post-construction phase, there are new opportunities for expansion, training and engagement.
 - Create opportunities to connect Elders and youth in the work of the IAMC on regulatory oversight.
 - Increase and expand training for Line 3 IAMC Indigenous Monitors and beyond (i.e. other Indigenous Monitors, Nations or Regions, etc.)
 - Collaborate more with IAMC-TMX for efficiency and synergies.
- The Line 3 IAMC's Terms of Reference needs to be updated to accurately reflect evolving priorities and future direction.

SURVEY FEEDBACK

- *The IAMC should provide grants or bursaries for youth that cannot afford schooling, in trades, like administrative, or employment related to the Line 3, so they may someday be employable.*
- *More community leadership and Elders and students should be made aware of what the IAMC has to offer.*
- *If there were more Elders were in attendance, they may have more knowledge on the traditional approach of taking care of the earth.*
- *I felt the need to know more about this, and even bring it to the attention of our education boards.*

PHOTO GALLERY



CONTACT US



If you would like more information on the topics presented at the Line-Wide Gathering or have general questions about the Line 3 IAMC, please contact the [Line 3 IAMC Secretariat](mailto:nrcan.line3committee-comitecanalisation3.nrcan@canada.ca) at nrcan.line3committee-comitecanalisation3.nrcan@canada.ca.

The Line 3 IAMC thanks all participants for their contributions and commit to applying key takeaways, lessons learned and survey feedback to plan future engagement events.

ANNEX A – AGENDA

Line 3 IAMC Line-Wide Gathering 2023

Day 1	Day 2
Breakfast	Breakfast
Welcome Ceremony, Cultural Performance and Remarks	Welcome Ceremony
Line 3 IAMC Introduction	Remarks
Morning Break	Keynote address by Kaella-Marie Earle
Celebrating Achievements	Morning Break
Sharing Experiences: Line 3 IAMC Indigenous Monitors and Elders	Line 3 IAMC World Café – Strategic Engagement Session
Lunch sponsored by Enbridge Enbridge presentation, updates and Q&A	Lunch and cultural performance
Cultural Performance by Wanuskewin Heritage Park artists	IAMC Engagement, Collaboration and Building Relationships, UNDA APM 34
Continuing the IAMC: What It Means and Why It's Important	Cultural performance
Emergency Management: Nuggets of Knowledge	Thank You Prayer
Afternoon Break	End of Event
Training and Capacity-Building: Training for Indigenous Regulatory Involvement (TIRI) 101 and Traditional Land-Based Learning	
Thank You Prayer	
Optional	
Indigenous Women's & 2SLGBTQI+ Gathering and Sharing Circle	
Star-gazing activity	