

# Line 3 and Prairie Region News

For Indigenous Nations, governments and groups



## A message from Enbridge

# Truth is the first step toward reconciliation

The recent confirmation of a burial site of the graves of 215 Indigenous children in Kamloops is a tragic reminder of Canada's residential school system that must be acknowledged and should never be forgotten.

Our hearts go out to Indigenous peoples across Canada, including the families of the missing children and their communities, the survivors and inter-generational survivors of residential schools. We cannot begin to imagine the depth of sorrow and suffering your communities are feeling.

Of course, this is so much bigger than the Kamloops school alone. Across Canada, there were 139 residential schools, including many on the Prairies.

This devastating news has brought again to the forefront the reminder that the path to reconciliation is ongoing and can only be forged through truth; truth of the inequities

and injustices Indigenous peoples have endured throughout history and that continue today.

Healing our communities and our country is going to take time, and the only way we can overcome the damage of the past and heal our communities and our country is by focusing on truth and reconciliation.

Without hesitation, Enbridge joins in the call for the expedient release of official records and documents that may shed additional light on the victims of residential schools. And we will be engaging communities to see how we can best provide support in this time of need.



This June 21, as Canadians again prepare to mark the rich culture of Indigenous peoples on National Indigenous Peoples' Day, let us all reflect on how we, as individuals, can make a difference and commit to action – if only to learn more and open our minds, our eyes and our hearts to the truth.

Line 3 and Prairie Region News is one way that Enbridge seeks to keep Indigenous Nations, governments and groups up to date on our projects and operations on the Canadian Prairies, with a focus on the Line 3 Replacement Program (L3RP). We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the lifecycle of our projects and operations and hope you find this publication to be timely and relevant. As always, our Community & Indigenous Engagement team would be pleased to answer your questions. To get in touch, please see the contact information at the end of this newsletter.

# Back in the field in Manitoba

## Indigenous businesses and joint ventures take a lead role in Line 3 decommissioning

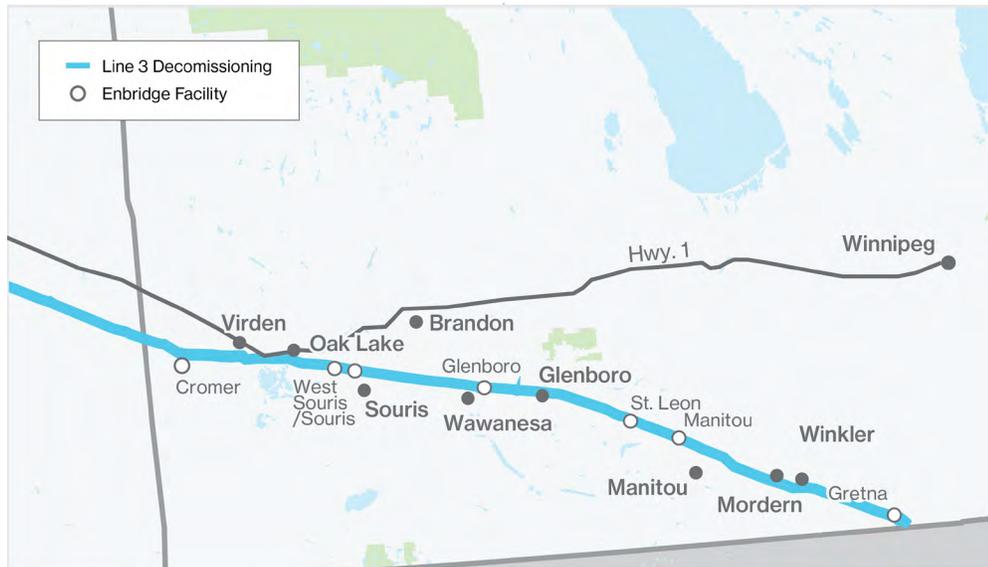
**Contracts for the [Line 3 decommissioning project](#) that will take place in Manitoba this summer and fall were awarded by Enbridge in April, following a competitive bid process in which only qualified Indigenous businesses were invited to participate.**

“The idea to provide an opportunity exclusive to Indigenous businesses and joint ventures arose from feedback we received during our extensive consultations on Line 3 replacement construction and decommissioning,” explains Kim Brenneis, Director, Community & Indigenous Engagement. “We listened and designed an economic engagement strategy to ensure that all four segments of decommissioning would have Indigenous businesses as the general contractors. This is a proud first for Enbridge in our Prairie Region.”

Decommissioning has been divided into segments and will take place in stages, beginning in Manitoba (Segment 4). The remaining segments (Hardisty-to-Kerrobert; Kerrobert-to-Regina; and Regina-to-Cromer) are scheduled to begin in the spring of 2022.

A joint-venture of the Manitoba Metis Federation’s (MMF) N4 Construction and Steel River Group was named as general contractor for Segment 4, which covers approximately 260 km from Cromer to Gretna, where Line 3 connects to the U.S. portion of the pipeline. Meanwhile, a joint venture of Peguis First Nation and Arnett & Burgess Pipeliners was awarded work around the Cromer Terminal.

“As with any work awarded, Enbridge conducted a robust, data driven and merit-based evaluation of all proposals in accordance with our policies and in alignment with competitive bidding and procurement standards and laws,” explains Brenneis. “Our decision to award the work was based solely on standard commercial, technical and socio-economic evaluation criteria, conducted by independent expert



Segment 4 decommissioning covers approximately 260 km, from Cromer to Gretna, Manitoba.

reviewers. Both the MMF and Peguis presented very strong bids, which included socio-economic plans detailing how they would ensure Indigenous participation in their work.”

Decommissioning kicked off in late May at a site near Enbridge’s Cromer Terminal, south of Virден. The Peguis joint venture (JV) is responsible for civil earth works, site preparation and support to enable the cleaning of Line 3 between Cromer and Gretna in July, which requires installation of a pig trap (a device launched inside a pipeline for cleaning and general maintenance).

Their work will involve grading, leveling, installation of wooden matting to allow access for the cleaning equipment, topsoil stripping and excavation. They’ll also prepare and supply personnel for a wash station in Virден for vehicles and equipment and maintain worksites as cleaning contractors mobilize equipment and complete their work.

With the first step of decommissioning complete by the end of July, the Peguis JV will be engaged in backfill work, removing mats and restoring sites to pre-existing condition or better in accordance with Enbridge standards, the general contracting work will begin for N4 Construction Steel River from August to October.

The general contractor is responsible for overseeing all of the primary tasks of decommissioning within their segment.

The work from Cromer-to-Gretna will require a peak workforce of approximately 35 contract personnel, with crews of seven to 10 persons. It includes isolation (the pipeline is physically separated from operating facilities; valves are permanently closed and disabled; above-ground features are removed at stand-alone sites); segmentation (small sections of pipe are removed and plates installed to prevent water flow through the pipe); and rail fill (the line is filled with an engineered material at railway crossings to protect rail infrastructure).

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# Exercise advances Indigenous engagement goals

Enbridge overcomes logistical challenges in innovative Souris River emergency response test

**Its primary purposes were to test Enbridge's emergency response capability and to fulfill a regulatory requirement of the Canada Energy Regulator (CER). However, with a little creative thinking and technological tools such as video conferencing and drone photography, the training exercise became so much more.**

"We had to constantly adjust our plans due to changing provincial public health and travel restrictions around COVID-19," explains Sam Munckhof-Swain, Manager, Community & Indigenous Engagement. "We did so by dividing the response team of 30 persons, the minimum that needed to partake in person, into groups of five and having those groups communicate by radio during the exercise."

Included in the 30 on the ground were Indigenous monitors – Jade Dewar of the Manitoba Metis Federation and Ellis Cochrane of Peguis First Nation.

But what made the exercise unique, Munckhof-Swain says, was the opportunity to include – for the first time – a large number of Indigenous Nations, governments and groups as virtual observers of the exercise, tuning in via their home or office computers. Observers were able to see and hear Enbridge personnel responding to the simulated emergency through an online channel which guided them through what was happening, including live drone footage.

A total of 121 individuals representing 56 Indigenous Nations, governments and groups from across the Prairies were invited to participate. Sixty individuals, or about 50% of invitees, watched the exercise at some point during the day.

In addition to these observers, Marci Riel (MMF), Mike Sutherland (Peguis) and Holly Geddes (Muskowekwan First Nation) lent an Indigenous perspective to the planning of the exercise, which also included participation from 25 governments

or agencies including the Province of Manitoba, Natural Resources Canada and the CER.

The physical exercise was focused along the river within the Town of Wawanesa. A command post and staging area were set up and a flat-bottomed boat launched to deploy an oil containment boom some 500 feet across the shallow Souris River. No actual crude oil products were used.

"The exercise was designed to test Enbridge's ability to respond to an oil spill near our Mainline system, which includes the new Line 3," explains Stephen Lloyd, Manager, Emergency Management. "This supports our ongoing effort to continuously practice and improve our emergency response capability on all waterways in proximity to pipeline operations and populated regions."

One day prior, an Indigenous cultural assessment and blessing was held at the site – another first for an Enbridge emergency response exercise. Elder Dave Daniels of Long Plain First Nation offered tobacco and gave a brief prayer for the safety of all involved.

Participants followed provincial public health guidelines and Enbridge's COVID-19 Safe Work Protocol which includes proper social distancing, hand hygiene, cleaning guidelines, a pre-access health assessment, and other key activities.

"While nothing can replace face-to-face communication, implementing new ways to observe these events and enhance Indigenous participation through the use of technology is something we expect to do more of in the future," concludes Munckhof-Swain. "That said, we look forward to in-person participation of Indigenous observers in future exercises as part of our lifecycle engagement commitments."



*Indigenous participation included a cultural assessment the day prior to the exercise (From left): Elder Dave Daniels (Long Plain First Nation), Enbridge intern Alyssa Iskierski (Manitoba Metis Federation) and Mike Sutherland (Peguis First Nation).*



*Boom deployment across the Souris River, captured by a drone.*



*Elder Dave Daniels, Long Plain First Nation, provided tobacco and a prayer.*



*Jade Dewar, Manitoba Metis Federation, conducts a GIS survey of the west bank of the Souris River prior to the exercise.*

# Meet the Prairie Region Community & Indigenous Engagement Team (CIE)

Under normal circumstances, our team prefers in-person meetings with those who live near our pipeline system to talk about Enbridge's operations and to participate in community events. Meeting face-to-face has proven challenging given the COVID-19 pandemic, however, we remain available to meet virtually to answer your questions and look forward to an opportunity to meet again (or for the first time) face-to-face when it is safe to do so.

These past 18 months have been an especially busy time for our Prairie Region CIE team, which has grown and adapted to meet the needs of Indigenous Nations, governments and groups as well as non-Indigenous communities within Alberta (south of Athabasca), Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Here is a brief snapshot of the team members who work hard to ensure communities near our operations receive information on our projects and operations.



**Keira Cappo** is primarily focused on developing and executing the new Regional Engagement Plan for the Alliance System in Saskatchewan.

Keira is from the **Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation** and has a Bachelors' degree in Administration from the First Nations University of Canada. Keira's Indigenous engagement experience has been gained through working with the 11 First Nations in the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council in the areas of health and economic development. Keira's most recent experience comes from working with the Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation senior management and leadership team. In her spare time, she loves to golf, play fastball, shoot pool and share yoga with First Nation communities.



**Peter Hansen** looks after community relations in Alberta for the liquids Mainline system and Alliance Pipeline. Peter is qualified as an Industrial

Mechanic, and holds a Bachelors and Masters degrees in Adult Education. Since joining Enbridge in 1994, Peter has helped develop technical training programs for Operations employees, travelled around the world with Enbridge International, overseen the Ready to Operate asset acceptance process, then moved to community relations in 2015. Peter enjoys playing the bass guitar and spending time with his recently acquired Labrador Retriever puppy.



**Steve Loney** joined Enbridge team in March 2020 and is responsible for community engagement in Manitoba, based out of Winnipeg. He

is an Indigenous engagement and business development professional with over 25 years of private and public sector experience.

He enjoys learning from communities and sharing their teachings with other cultures. In 2017, he was bestowed a traditional Indigenous name and is a certified Indigenous awareness trainer. Steve and his wife Grace reside in Winnipeg with their two sons and their family dog.



**Jaimee Marks** is focused on executing our lifecycle engagement approach with nations in Saskatchewan on our liquids mainline system. She is from **Pasqua First Nation** and her

background is in Kinesiology and Health Studies with a focus in Indigenous Health. Jaimee has been working with Indigenous Nations across Canada for the past 15 years in many capacities such as health and wellness, addiction, sports events and oil and gas, including recent work with SA Energy on the Line 3 Replacement Program as a Community and Indigenous Liaison. Jaimee is pursuing a double honors degree with Wilfred Laurier in criminology and policing.



**Jeff Yanko** has been working for Enbridge's Community and Indigenous Engagement team since 2009. Jeff started working for Enbridge in Estevan

until Kingston Midstream purchased the gathering system in southeastern Saskatchewan/southwestern Manitoba in 2016. He rejoined the Enbridge team in 2019, supporting Enbridge's lifecycle engagement initiatives both in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Outside of work, Jeff loves to spend time with his wife and three kids. He also likes to strap on the blades in the winter, do a little hunting in the fall and golf in the summer.

# Providing opportunity for summer students



**T'kaela Gerl (she/her)** joins Enbridge from Piapot First Nation and will be supporting our engagement efforts with a focus in community

investment and corporate citizenship. She is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work program at the University of Regina and will be returning for her final year in the fall. In the summer months, T'Kaela spends her spare time outdoors, camping, biking and hiking. As an all year-round activity she enjoys do-it-yourself projects around her home.



**Alyssa Iskierski (she/her)** is working with the Prairie Region CIE team this summer and will be supporting Enbridge's

Community and Indigenous engagement efforts within Manitoba. She is a Manitoba Metis Federation citizen, living and working in Winnipeg. However, during the school year she resides in Vancouver where she studies microbiology and immunology at the University of British Columbia. Outside of work and school Alyssa enjoys spending time outdoors, doing puzzles and is hoping to get better at golf this summer.

## Enbridge is hiring

Enbridge is always looking for qualified candidates to fill various positions. Visit our [Career Opportunities](#) page to learn more.

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The MMF-affiliated general contractor is also accountable for managing subcontracting various services, which presents an additional opportunity for qualified Indigenous goods and services providers. These subcontracts are expected to include the following required services:

- Concrete supply
- Painting/coating
- Electrical services
- Portable facilities
- Equipment rental/operators
- Surveying
- Excavation/earthworks
- Waste management
- Hydrovac
- Vacuum trucks
- Matting
- Water trucks

## More decommissioning information

To learn more about our decommissioning plans, we invite you to visit [enbridge.com/L3D](http://enbridge.com/L3D).

Available materials include:

- A decommissioning fact sheet and infographic
- An Indigenous Business Opportunities Fact Sheet
- Maps and locations of decommissioning activities
- The L3RP Draft Decommissioning Plan as submitted to the CER

## We want to hear from you

For more information on Enbridge's Prairie Region projects or operations, you can reach us as follows:

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