



2022: Quarter 1

Newsletter





Letter from the Chair

Hello, my name is Chief David Jimmie, and I am writing to you on behalf of the Western Indigenous Pipeline Group (WIPG).

Last year has presented many challenges, particular to our Indigenous communities, lands, and homes. As we all continue to maneuver around the Covid-19 pandemic, our spirits persist down the healing journey as light continues to shed on the horrible past of the residential school system. Forest fires throughout the summer followed by flooding caused by an atmospheric river took wrath around us, exceeding \$10 billion in damage. Yet, our Indigenous communities continue to prevail. We continue to be resilient. We continue to strive and achieve wealth for our future.

WIPG was founded by First Nation leaders from Alberta and British Columbia with the purpose of establishing a collaborative economic participation framework that leads with the best interests of Indigenous communities. Our focus is on understanding the needs and interests of our communities on a nation-to-nation basis.

By purchasing Trans Mountain, Indigenous communities will ensure their environmental, community and economic goals are met. WIPG is structured so that its partner Indigenous communities make zero financial contribution and have full autonomy in determining how distributions are spent.

Hence, it has been a personal and organizational goal to ensure communities that are most impacted to learn about the opportunities available to ensure the best for building back wealth into the community. The team at WIPG will continue to ensure communities have a seat at the table.

If we haven't already connected, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your community to discuss WIPG with you.

Sincerely,

Chief David Jimmie
Chairman, Western Indigenous Pipeline Group

On Behalf of the Board of Directors



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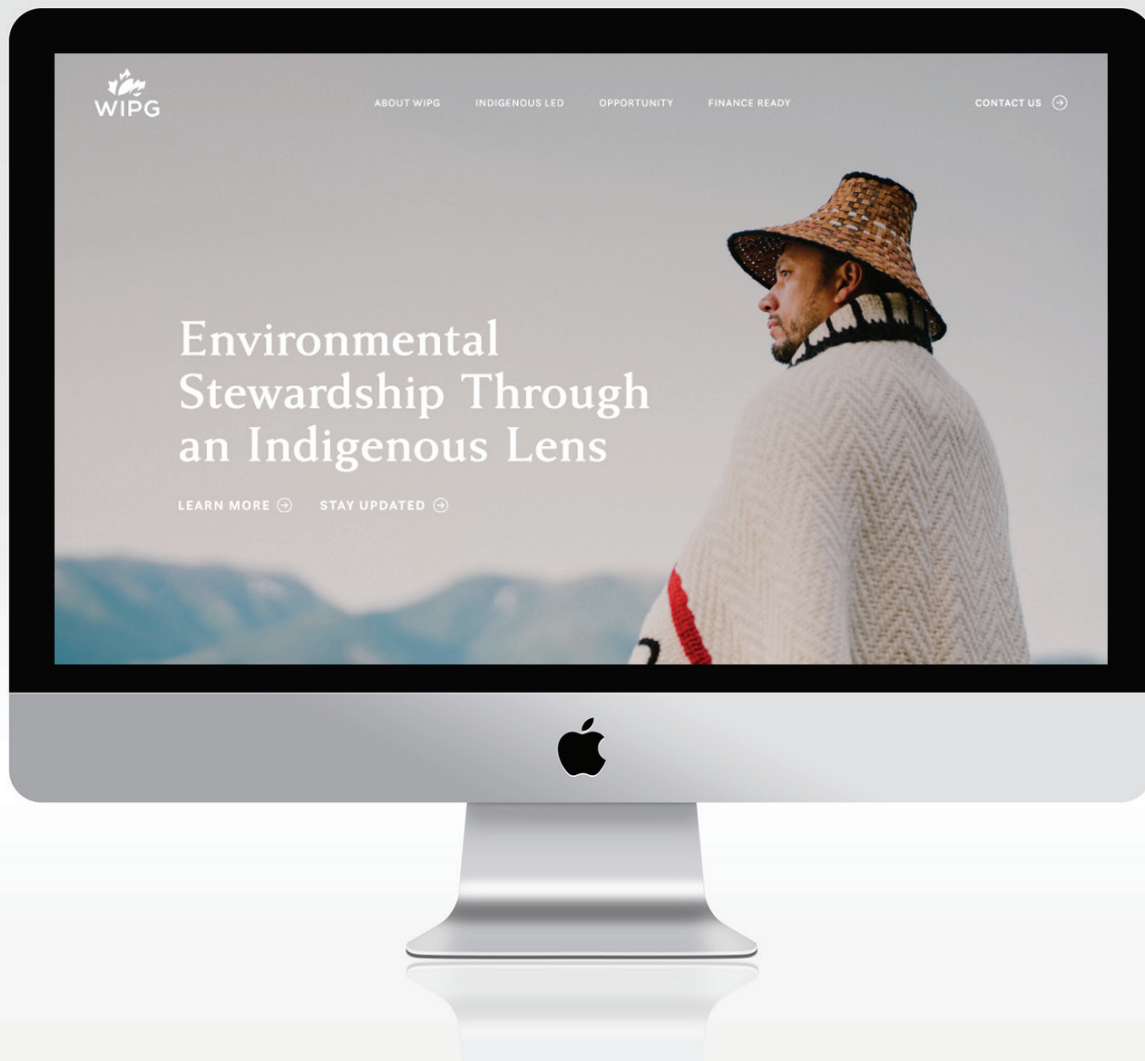
To ensure continued engagement and communication with our signed Nations, WIPG plans to host several events throughout 2022 that will invite community leaders and support teams to participate in.

These include but are not limited to:

- » WIPG Summit
- » All Nations Event - March 1st, 2022
- » Signing Ceremony

Please be sure to watch out for emails or notifications from the WIPG team or from your regional coordinator. You can also follow WIPG on Facebook and LinkedIn to receive the latest news, announcements, and updates on the organization.



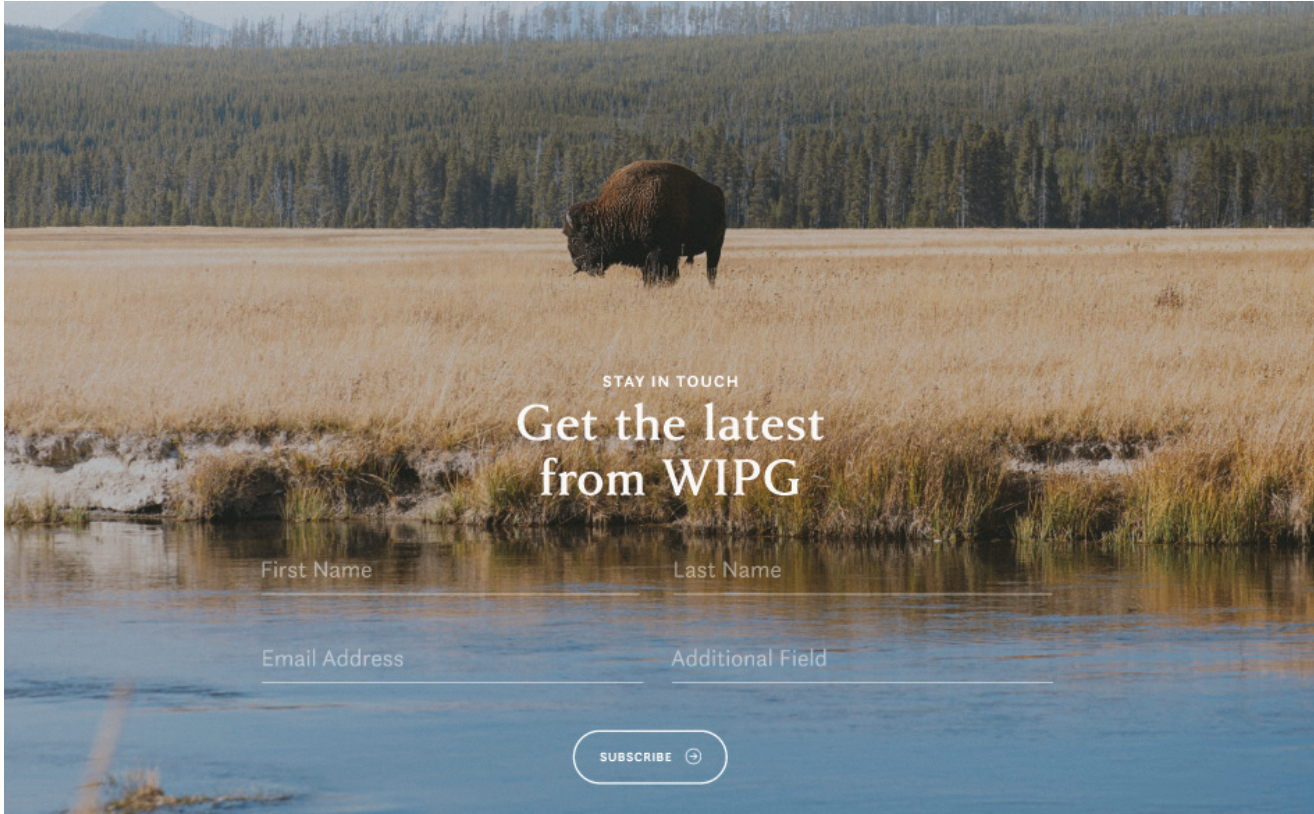


WIPG is excited to announce the launch of our new website: wipg.ca

Since inception, WIPG has engaged and heard from the voices of numerous Indigenous communities impacted along the Trans Mountain line. The valuable feedback and comments that we have received has truly helped shape WIPG's growth and success. The community support that our board and team members have received proves that the work we do aligns with our partnering communities' values and goals. Let's continue this momentum to ensure our communities and Canadians move forward together and return economic self-sufficiency to local Indigenous communities.

We Want to Hear From You

Have questions about WIPG? Want to learn more about the government process? Looking to share a concern? Reach out to our team via. the [wipg.ca Contact Us](#) page.



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Contest Alert: Territory Stewardship Initiative Sharing



Does your community have or are involved in any territory stewardship programs? Submit the name and purpose of the initiative via the [WIPG.ca Contact Us](#) page by April 1, 2022. Each submission will be placed in a draw to receive a brand new Apple® iPad mini and will be invited to an exclusive interview with our team. To ensure the winner receives the prize, please remember to include your full name and accurate contact information to receive a notification from our team.

Best of luck to everyone!





An Interview with Chief Gordon Planes

The perspective of a community leader on the Indigenous birth right to environmental stewardship achieved through an enhancement model.

Please share with us a little background of yourself and highlight of the community you grew up in?

My traditional name is Hya-Quatcha, named after my great grandfather from Scia-new, The Salmon people and I am the elected Chief of T'Sou-ke First Nation for the last 10 years. My father is from T'souke FN but my lineage extends wide across the Vancouver Island where I still have relatives with the open ocean people. Our members now live along the island coast down and even down across the border to the states. Our environment is filled with vibrant elements making it very easy to grow food and support a healthy ecosystem. Our members have a relationship with the environment that is unique and that relationship is based on a partnership. We need to nurture our partner and it might be funny to say that we "eat" our partners all the time too, but this partnership only works if we are taking care of each other. It is important to maintain a fine balance because our relationship with the environment is so delicate. We cannot disturb this balance.

Where does your passion for the environment stem from?

Our communities have an unwritten law that has been handed down by our ancestors with a birth right and responsibility to take care of Mother Earth. I believe this innate sense of environmental enhancement, unwritten law, should be shared by all to reverse the damage done in resource extraction and restore the balance. When one becomes mindful and knowledgeable of the environment, you'll notice the indicators around you when it is off balance. When I was growing up, there is no school that teaches us about these, we learned it from our elders. I hope for the future of my community that they will continue to carry on this knowledge and sensibility.

Speaking of balance, how do you manage the fine line between development that supports the economy/communities and environmental preservation?

It is important to put things into perspective using empirical evidence and considering where we will be, up to 7 generations from now. You also need the resources to implement the change you wish to see, to do the work. As leaders of a community, we need to determine what kind of assets can we acquire or build for our children that they can draw on to continue the work making our territory better. Opportunity only comes knocking once in a while and with the example of Western Indigenous Pipeline Group ("WIPG"), I see a return in investment back to our communities. The culture instilled in Nations is to use whatever capacity available to re-invest in our future generations and environment. This is an enhancement model that allows for the transitional steps, between our current situation and reaching our goals, to occur.

As a community leader, how do you imagine WIPG supporting current and future generations towards achieving this balance?

Communities across the island are experiencing the impacts of increased shipping which has really forced a decision upon community leaders to be involved with the pipeline. When reaching out to the initial owners of the Trans Mountain pipeline, I made it clear to them that impacted Indigenous communities should be eligible to receive revenue from the pipeline. Unfortunately, the company refused as they did not understand the value of Indigenous knowledge and rights; while engaging in our territory and putting risk on it, our members should be part of that economy. Supporting WIPG, I know Indigenous community will have environmental and economical oversight and use the revenue to restore the balance back into our community of today and of tomorrow.







Trans Mountain Operational Safety

WIPG is partnered with Pembina Pipeline Corporation (“Pembina”), a leading transportation and midstream service provider with a strong track record of safe and environmentally responsible operations. For over 60 years, Pembina has been safely and reliably connecting oil and gas production to markets that need it. Together, WIPG and Pembina formed Chinook Pathways, an equal partnership to pursue ownership of Trans Mountain once the expansion is complete.

Following the devastating atmospheric river, the Trans Mountain Pipeline was safely restarted in early December, 2021. However, there has been growing concern around major infrastructure maintenance and safety monitoring in the case of future catastrophes. Board members at WIPG believe in the strength of our partnership with Pembina, in part because of the company’s commitment to monitoring and maintaining their assets.

Pembina’s operations teams are responsible for the safe and reliable operation of the company’s assets. This is accomplished by routinely inspecting pipeline right of ways, monitoring operations, and ongoing communications with their neighbours. Pembina’s real-time monitoring at their Control Centre uses the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system to control, schedule and monitor operations 24/7/365. The SCADA system sends a direct signal between Pembina’s operations and the Control Centre, which enables the company to receive real-time data and to automatically control operations.

Pembina inspects and protects pipelines using leading-edge technology to guard against damage and provide detailed information. These tools keep Pembina’s systems and the communities near them safe, and include:

- » Magnetic flux leakage tool: Pembina uses a high-resolution magnetic flux leakage tool (also known as a “smart pig”) to identify the location and severity of defects with potential to adversely affect pipelines.
- » Geometry tool: Pembina uses geometry tools to measure dents, deformations and internal pipeline diameter.
- » Ultrasonic crack detection: For pipeline segments with higher susceptibility to crack features, Pembina uses ultrasonic inspection technology. This tool emits ultrasound pulse waves which locate hard-to-find, crack-like defects in their earliest stage of development.

Pembina runs rigorous exercises, training and emergency response drills to ensure they are ready to respond to emergency situations. Training activities range from tabletop scenarios, where procedures are reviewed, to full-scale exercises, where equipment and response skills are tested in the field.

Learn more about the Chinook Pathways partnership at <https://chinookpathways.com/>



Connect with your WIPG Regional Coordinator Today

WIPG's staff supports our indigenous board to ensure that communities that join WIPG are fully included and informed of all aspects of the project. Some of them you may have already met, but please expect to hear us in the weeks to come as we pursue this critical piece of economic reconciliation.

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Connecting our Communities for shared understanding and benefit

Join us on Facebook and LinkedIn

Western Indigenous Pipeline Group's (WIPG) leadership is focused on oversight over cultural, environmental, and community aspects. To ensure best efforts are put forward in engaging with represented Community leaders and members, WIPG has launched:

 **WIPG Facebook: facebook.com/WIPG.Canada**

 **WIPG LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/wipg**

We would love to hear your feedback and/or inquiries at wipg.ca/contactus

Contest Alert:

Follow us on LinkedIn and Facebook for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!



From now until April 1, 2022, community members that **follow WIPG's LinkedIn or Facebook page** is eligible to be entered in for a \$100 Mastercard gift card prize draw. Winner will be contacted via the social media platform with information to redeem your prize. **Best of luck to everyone!**





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