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June is National Indigenous Peoples History Month and June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Indigenous Peoples Day
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The Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee for the Trans Mountain Expansion and Existing Pipeline (IAMC-TMX) invites all settler-Canadians and Indigenous peoples to join us in celebrating National Indigenous History Month throughout the month of June and National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st – Summer Solstice.

As the Co-Chairs for the IAMC-TMX, we are approaching the work of the Committee through codevelopment, which will ensure that our shared goals are mobilized for the benefit of Indigenous communities along the pipeline route. Co-development is a step towards reconciliation.

Canada has committed to reconciliation. This commitment makes space for government departments to identify and table actions and policies aimed at dismantling racism and discriminatory practices enacted by colonial systems. We are dedicated to increasing the space for Indigenous peoples to lead on monitoring and providing advice to the Government on resource extraction projects.

The Committee is currently in its final year of its initial five-year funding. However, the Government of Canada committed to the Committee for the full lifecycles of the Trans Mountain pipelines. The Indigenous Caucus is working with Natural Resources Canada, the CER and other federal departments involved in the Project to look at the future of the Committee and to develop a funding proposal as part of Budget 2022. Over the last five years, the IAMC-TMX has garnered widespread involvement from Indigenous communities along the terrestrial and marine routes, has established a successful monitoring program with the CER, and has provided valuable advice to the CER and Government in a variety of contexts. Going forward, the Indigenous Caucus will engage with the 129 communities along the pipeline corridor to get their valuable feedback on renewal.

Indigenous values and knowledge are key to mitigating the risk of extractive industry impacts on our lands and waters. With aligned goals – environmental safety and monitoring, capacity to respond when there is an emergency, equitable distribution of the positive impacts of major resource industries and support to mitigate the negative impacts, we are walking a path towards reconciliation.

Share in our journey throughout the month of June as we prioritize learning about Indigenous peoples' history and achievements and join in celebration with us during the summer solstice. Together we will dismantle and rebuild settler and Indigenous relationships in Canada.

## Ways to participate:

Celebrate Canada for National Indigenous Day virtual activities happening across the country.



- For more information on First Nations, Inuit and Métis-led virtual activities, please visit the official pages for National Indigenous Organizations:
  - o Assembly of First Nations
  - o <u>Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami</u>
  - o <u>Métis National Council</u>
  - o your local Friendship Centre
- To access the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

Sincerely,

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