

“We have face-to-face relationships with community members – it instills trust and mutual respect.”

Barkley Adams, Valard CEO

VALARD’S REPUTATION FOR COMMUNITY & INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS

We have 40 years of history building strong partnerships and relationships with diverse communities across the country.

Valard employees are part of the communities in which they work – supporting local businesses and causes, as well as showing respect for project-related concerns and acting on them.



Dr. Sarah Newbery, a doctor in the Marathon (Ontario) area, toured Valard’s Camp and had this to say:

“You and your staff have done an amazing job to protect and ensure the safety of your workers, and that helps to ensure the safety and health of our community.”

Facebook 2020

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Corporate Donations

Valard’s long standing corporate donations program responds to an average of 50 different causes, across Canada annually. A good cross section of community sectors are represented – from education to medical to Indigenous initiatives.

Recent (2020) examples of corporate giving:

- Sagkeeng Hockey (MB)
- Stoney Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum (AB)
- U of S Renewable Energy for Remote/ Indigenous Communities (SK)
- Thunder Bay Regional Health Fdn. (ON).

Local Economic Contributions

These encompass prioritizing the use of local businesses, suppliers and workers. This includes:

- Equipment suppliers and subcontractors
- Hotels and other local lodging
- Local land, facilities and shop rentals
- Vehicle servicing
- Restaurants, gas stations, and grocery stores
- Local employment
- Facilities and waste management and;
- Catering, janitorial, and security services.

This practice often leaves legacy benefits such as long term contracts with suppliers, allowing for capital equipment purchases; local labour with enhanced skills and, long term, positive relationships with the community.

Valard's Indigenous relationships are based on a simple approach of respect, openness and fairness.



"Valard focuses on building relationships with Indigenous communities to foster employment and economic development opportunity, as well as provide job training for local Indigenous employees. Thank you Valard for your support!"

Southern Chiefs Facebook, Manitoba 2020



"Being new to the industry I wasn't sure what to expect, but the Valard crew helped me get past the learning curve. The people and atmosphere are very welcoming."

Brennan Wassaykeesic,
Mishkeegogamang First Nation,
Ontario 2020

INDIGENOUS RELATIONSHIPS

Valard acknowledges that Indigenous Peoples have distinct historic cultural values across Canada.

Our employees work for and achieve a level of trust, as a building block for our Indigenous partnerships. We maintain our partnerships by keeping our word.

Valard has many existing and planned community relationships across Canada:

- A partnership with Supercom Industries, a 100% Aboriginal-owned joint venture by the six First Nations proximate to the East-West Tie Transmission Line in Ontario
- The recent Fort McMurray 500 kV project in Alberta included focus on enhancing Indigenous and community representation.
- The Kingsvale Transmission Line in British Columbia was *"...the first electricity transmission line to be constructed, majority-owned, operated, maintained and financed by an Indigenous group in Canada. This project will provide valuable economic benefits to the Lower Nicola Indian Band"*.
- Valard was selected to provide EPC solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario. Valard is committed to continuous collaboration with the 24 proximate First Nations communities, their members and their partners.

We are serious about our obligation and commitment to Canada's Indigenous communities and will continue to set the standard in each province and territory in which we operate.