

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

Carey Kostyk, Valard President

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.



The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation is proud to put Valard's name on Patient Room # 329 on the Surgical Unit - Floor 3B, in recognition of your generous gift towards the “Our Hearts at Home” Cardiovascular Surgery Program. The program makes it possible for families to stay together before, during and after surgery.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Corporate Donations

Valard’s long standing corporate donations program responds to an average of 70 different causes, across Canada annually. A good cross section of community sectors are represented – from education to medical to Indigenous initiatives.

Recent (2021) examples of corporate giving:

- Fort William First Nation
- Enbridge Tour Alberta for Cancer
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Headingly Fire Department

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.



"Through strong partnerships and relationships, Valard strives to create employment, enhance skills, and improve the economic conditions of communities

neighbouring vital energy transmission infrastructure projects."

Anishnawbe Business Professional Association
October 2021



"I really appreciate the Valard team for giving me this opportunity to be a part of this historic project for our Region. I know the significance of

what this project means to the Partnership communities of Watay. They wanted the best company to put up this line that brings light and Valard will deliver."

Bradley Wesley, Lac Seul First Nation
Ontario 2021

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 award winning (*Top Employer of Indigenous Apprentices*) 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 and maintained 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.