

**“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.



*For the second year in a row, 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 2022 examples of corporate giving:

- Make a Wish Foundation
- Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer
- Boys and Girls Club in Red Deer, AB
- Opaskwayak Cree Nation
- Food banks across the country

### 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.

### 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:

- Completed Phase 1 of the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, that will bring reliable power to 24 First Nation Communities.
- Valard was selected to lead construction on the Waasigan Transmission Line Project in Northwestern Ontario, working in collaboration with nine Indigenous groups.
- 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”

### BOOTS ON THE GROUND

*“It is an honor to be helping and assisting with the Watay project with communication between two parties. I find this project to be beneficial to the community as it will allow our community to expand. Due to the lack of power in the community today, you cannot build too much infrastructure. This project will bring better management to power all 24 communities.”*

**Harry Kenequanash,  
North Caribou First Nation,  
Construction Liaison**



**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.**