



IZWTAG

INDIGENOUS ZERO WASTE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

April 2023

Outline

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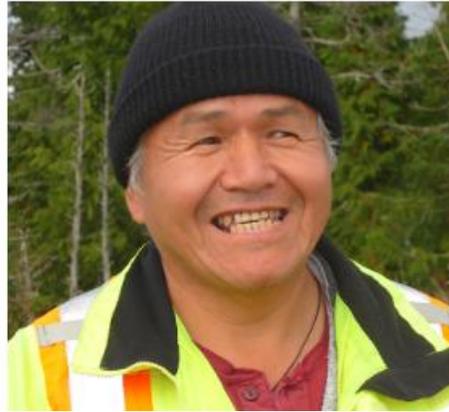


About IZWTAG

- Registered Non-Profit Society, 2019



Calvin Jameson - President



Roger Vickers - Vice President



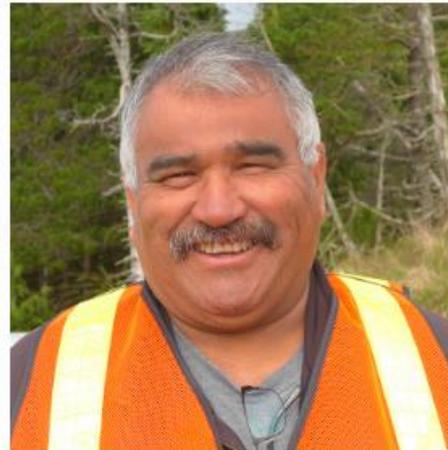
Shawn Quick - Director



Isaiah Robinson - Secretary



Leo Lawson - Director



Vince Davis - Director



Tania Solonas - Treasurer

IZWTAG Strategic Plan

- **Vision:**

To live in an environment where Mother Earth's water, land, and air are restored and preserved respectfully now and for future generations.



IZWTAG Mission

IZWTAG is an **indigenous-led** organization that supports BC First Nations communities **to achieve zero waste** through programs, training, expertise, research, and advocacy.



Core Programs & Services

- Website izwtag.com



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Implementing zero waste systems for every First Nation community across Canada

The Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG) offers training and resources to First Nations to implement zero waste systems within their communities.

[COMMUNITY RECYCLING LOCATIONS](#)

Core Programs & Services

Training

Zero Waste Operator Training :

- Offered jointly with SWANA
- Level 1 and Level 2
- Indigenous Instructors

Technical Training Module:

- 1st Technical Training Module
(partner with BCUOMA)

Recycle Champion Training:

- Offered by IZWTAG



- Training schedules and registration at izwtag.com

Core Programs & Services

Zero Waste Circuit Rider Program

To ensure proper operations and maintenance activities and to support technical/operational employees of the solid waste management systems in First Nation communities.

(Modelled on the First Nations Water & Waste Water Circuit Rider program)



- Initiated by IZWTAG in 2020
- Funded by ISC

Zero Waste Circuit Rider

On-site Services

- Set up zero waste operations
- On-site training for crew
- Equipment repairs
- Stockpile clean-ups
- Collaboration with Product Stewards and recycle companies



Zero Waste Circuit Rider **Advisory Services**

For new Zero Waste Community Systems
(as member of planning & eng. team):

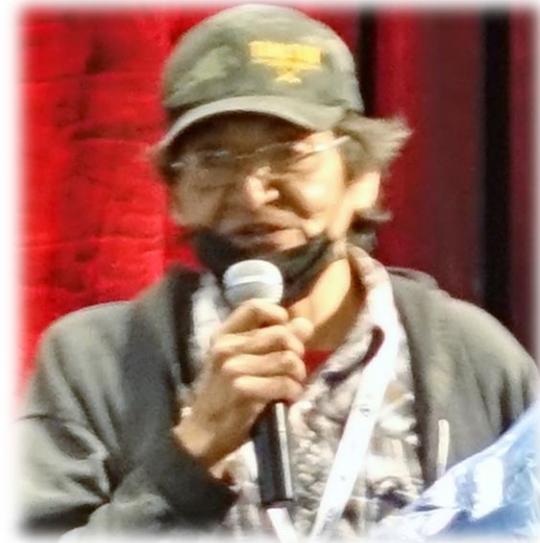
- On-site feasibility assessments
- Design review
- Equipment specs
- Commissioning



Core Programs & Services

Annual IZWTAG Day

- Held in April each year
- For Members and Associate Members
- Learning and Networking
- Celebrating and Recognizing Outstanding Performance



- Gerald Quash, Tahltan Nation
- IZWTAG Day 2022

Other Programs & Services

Advancing Indigenous Zero Waste Projects

- Zero Waste Actions Survey
- Grant application support – organics infrastructure, plastic waste reduction
- Learning Series webinar on zero waste
Connect website for teachers
- More underway...



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Interested in zero waste?

The lands and waters urgently need protection
each of us can make a difference by reducing waste.

Zero Waste is about eliminating waste, through the 3Rs and systemic changes to re-circulate all materials.

IZWTAG is an indigenous-run, non-profit society. We support communities to take effective zero waste action.

HELP US select the most beneficial zero waste projects and actions to work on in the short survey.

Early-bird draw on May 26, 2022
Respond by June 2, 2022 for the grand prize draw.

ENTER SURVEY: <https://forms.gle/WNoCpjdGpzv6iKEM6>
Questions? E-mail: events@hupacasath.ca



For more information on IZWTAG, please visit www.izwtag.com
HELP US PUT ZERO WASTE INTO ACTION!

Partnerships

- Indigenous Services Canada
 - Lands and Economic Development
 - Community Infrastructure
- Province of British Columbia
 - Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Working Groups
 - E.g. Special Care Stewards (Product Care, BCUOMA, CBA)
 - First Nations School Teachers
- Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)
- Other Informal Collaborations



Funding

- Core funding by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
 - To deliver zero waste programs and services to BC First Nations
 - Annual proposal
- Fee for service
 - Specific contracts for services (Province of British Columbia , Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy)
 - Administration for ISC projects
- Annual Member Fees
 - Nominal General Member Fees
 - Associate Member Fees



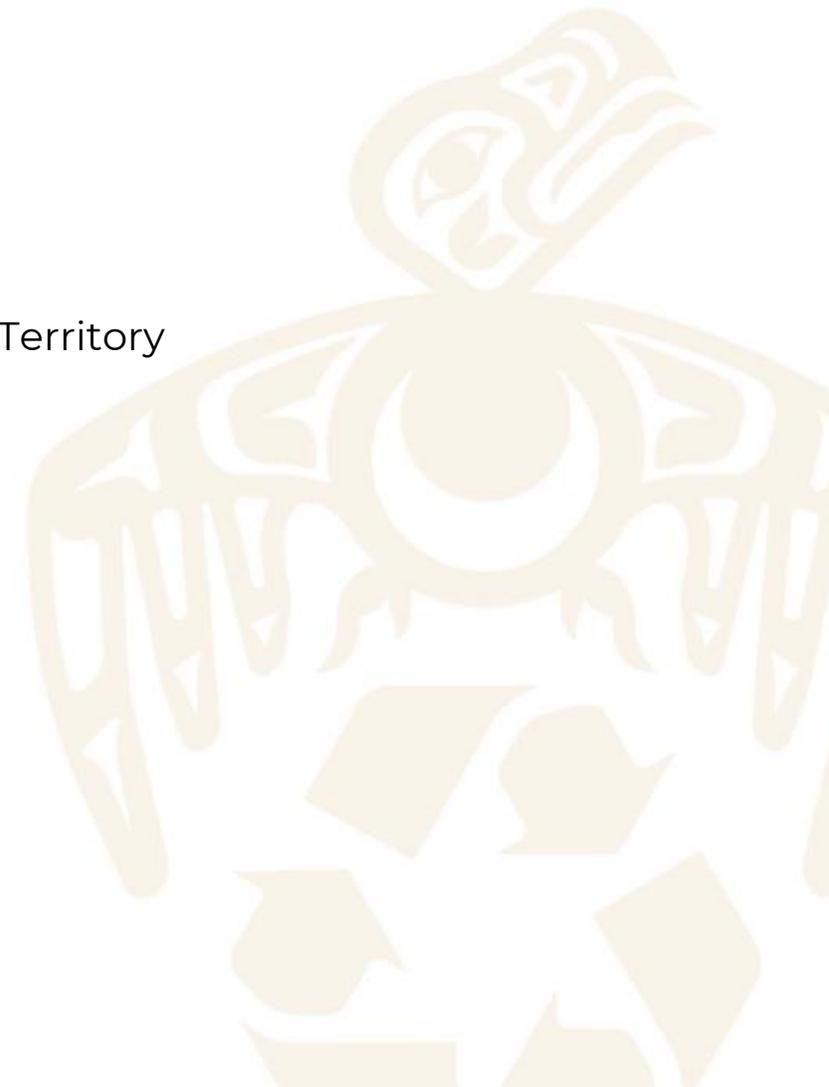
Challenges and Opportunities

- Biggest challenge is the high demand for IZWTAG services
 - 203 BC First Nations
 - National and international interest
- Adding in-house and indigenous capacity
 - Circuit Riders need particular skill set
 - Annual funding cycle
- 5-Year planning
 - First 5-year plan and budget completed



Exciting Updates

- New Office Location – Vancouver, BC
 - 210 - 112 3rd Avenue East, Vancouver
 - Drop by and visit anytime
- New Employee – Training & Circuit Rider Coordinator
 - Introduce Trudy O'Donaghey – from Tsalath(aka Seton Lake), St'at'imc Territory
- Up & Coming Training & Next Year IZWTAG Day
 - June, September and December – website will be updated
 - April 2024 IZWTAG Day – check out website izwtag.com
- Final Numbers for 2022/2023
 - Level 1 Operator Training – 80 Participants
 - Level 2 Operator Training – 33 Participants
 - Recycle Champion Training – 15 Participants
 - Technical Training Module – 10 Participants
 - Circuit Rider Visits – 98 Communities total



Acknowledgements/Thanks!

- First Nations
- Indigenous Services Canada
- B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Local Governments
- Coast Waste Mgmt. Assoc./Solid Waste Assoc. of North America
- Product Stewards/Industry partners
- First Nations Schools Association
- Volunteers



- Website **izwtag.com** learning portal **connect**

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Connect' learning portal. At the top left is the 'connect' logo in green, featuring a recycling symbol. To the right are navigation links for 'Help', 'IZWTAG', and 'Contact', followed by a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. The main heading reads 'Zero waste learning with Connect'. Below this is a banner illustration of a stylized orange and black character with a recycling symbol on its head, set against a background of green hills and trees. Underneath the banner is the text 'Choose grade', followed by three large, rounded rectangular buttons. The first button is orange with a recycling symbol and is labeled 'Pre-K - Grade 1'. The second button is red with a recycling symbol and is labeled 'Grade 2 - 4'. The third button is blue with a recycling symbol and is labeled 'Grade 5 - 8'. Each button has a right-pointing arrow in the bottom right corner.

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Help IZWTAG Contact

Search

Zero waste learning with Connect

Choose grade

Pre-K - Grade 1 →

Grade 2 - 4 →

Grade 5 - 8 →