



IZWTAG

INDIGENOUS ZERO WASTE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

PROGRAMS

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Established in 2019

An indigenous led non-profit society for First Nations

- Dedicated to environmentally-responsible waste management
- Providing technical support, resources, training and services
- Advancing zero waste education and best practices

“We have to clean up our land, so our children will have clean water”

About IZWTAG

- Registered Non-Profit Society, 2019



Calvin Jameson - President



Roger Vickers - Vice President



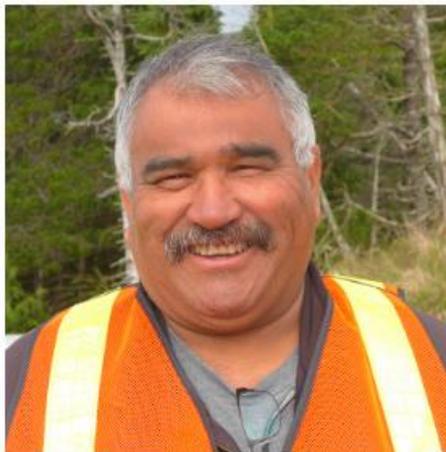
Shawn Quick - Director



Isaiah Robinson - Secretary



Leo Lawson - Director



Vince Davis - Director



Tania Solonas - Treasurer

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

Waste Management Funding

BC First Nations Zero Waste Program

- **Capital infrastructure/Equipment** – 100% ISC*
- **Operations & maintenance** – 100% ISC**
- **Waste/recycling transfer & disposal** – same as for O&M
- **Training support** – IZWTAG (ISC plus partners)

*ISC = Indigenous Services Canada, previously INAC

**For Non-Block Funded Nations

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- 2008:
- 4 Remote Coastal Nations
- 2022 To-date:
- 83 Nations throughout BC

Waste Management Funding

Earth Day and Zero Waste Grants

- Offered by ISC BC Region
- Supports community and school-based projects
- Typically \$5,000 to \$10,000 per grant



Klahoose First Nation Squirrel Cove marine debris removal project.



Skidegate's Earth Day Clean-Up



Tzeachten's Community Recycle Zone

Product Steward Programs

Recycling Collection

- IZWTAG works with product stewards on community collection and clean-up efforts
- FNRI (First Nations Recycling Initiative) provides assistance with annual collection events
- Email for more info:
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Tahltan Nation received equipment and training from B.C. Used Oil Management Association, working with IZWTAG and the B.C. First Nations Zero Waste Program.

Recent Grant Programs

B.C. Organics Infrastructure

- IZWTAG assisted with grant applications
- 5 Nations received funding for Composting Infrastructure including Esk'etemc, Gitxaala, Kitasoo, Kwadacha and Heiltsuk
- ISC contributed one-third funding
- Total funding over \$2 million
- Email for more info: exec.izwtag@gmail.com

Upcoming Grant Opportunity

Clean B.C. Plastics Action Fund

- IZWTAG available to assist with grant applications
- New Indigenous Funding Stream – up to \$1 million available
- To support indigenous-led projects that prevent plastic waste and provide zero waste solutions
- Email for more info: exec.izwtag@gmail.com

Thanks!

- Additional information on IZWTAG website izwtag.com

