



2017

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

COMMUNITY

Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. (“Innergex” or the “Corporation”) is an independent renewable power producer which develops, acquires, owns and operates hydroelectric facilities, wind farms, solar farms and geothermal power generation plants.

Innergex has made social acceptance a cornerstone of its development strategy and has a successful track record of building long-lasting relationships. Whether through shared economic benefits, employment opportunities, shared ownership, partnership agreements or community investment, we recognize our responsibility to help bring socio-economic opportunities to local communities.

A PARTNER OF CHOICE

With almost three decades of experience in the renewable energy sector, we strongly believe that responsible and successful energy development is driven by the will of host communities. Innergex has gained a reputation as a partner of choice for both local municipalities and indigenous groups looking for a reliable, experienced and knowledgeable collaborator to develop, construct and operate a wind, hydro or solar project. These collaborations are an indispensable part of the future of renewable energy generation.

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PARTNERSHIPS

Innergex is keenly aware that energy development is driven by the will of local municipalities and indigenous communities. When a host community decides to develop a project in partnership with us, this is perhaps the best indicator of a strong level of social acceptability. Over the years, we have shown vision in creating a bold and successful development model based on partnerships, which for us means:

- Sharing information
- Sharing efforts and risks, and
- Sharing in the fair distribution of benefits

Our partnerships are proving to be an excellent calling card and a key differentiator for Innergex.

In 2017, Innergex had ongoing collaboration agreements¹ on 38 projects with 28 indigenous communities across Canada, some of which are in operation and others at early stages of development. Designed with clear expectations, our agreements are based on open lines of communication, respect and the goal that they are mutually beneficial.

Similarly, Innergex cultivates collaboration agreements with municipalities on renewable energy projects. The Viger-Denonville project is co-owned by Innergex and the Rivière-du-Loup Regional County Municipality (RCM). The project infrastructure, all located on private lands, also employed the use of 26 local businesses during its construction. The Magpie hydro project, a partnership between Innergex and the Minganie RCM, generates enough electricity to power approximately 11,000 Quebec households and provides the RCM with voting units and an interest stake in the project.

MUNICIPAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIPS WITH INNERGEX

Partner	Facility	Energy	Gross capacity (MW)	Innergex ownership %	Region
KANAKA BAR INDIAN BAND	Kwoiek Creek	Hydro	49.9	50	British Columbia, Canada
MI'GMAQ COMMUNITIES OF QUEBEC	Mesgi'g Ugju's'n	Wind	150.0	50	Quebec, Canada
OJIBWAYS OF THE PIC RIVER FIRST NATION	Umbata Falls	Hydro	23.0	49	Ontario, Canada
RIVIÈRE-DU-LOUP REGIONAL COUNTY MUNICIPALITY	Viger-Denonville	Wind	24.6	50	Quebec, Canada
SEKW'EL'WAS CAYOOSE CREEK BAND	Walden North	Hydro	16.0	51	British Columbia, Canada

¹ In this case collaboration agreement refers to the range of different agreements we have with indigenous communities, whether they be revenue sharing, Impact Benefit Agreements (IBAs), royalty agreements, etc. Otherwise, Partnership refers to the equity partners we have on some of our projects, i.e. Kwoiek, Umbata Falls, etc.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Several of our projects include annual indexed contributions that go directly to the municipalities that host our projects. The Viger-Denonville facility in Quebec provides an annual payment of \$123,000 to the Rivière-du-Loup Regional County Municipality. Through our Mesgi'g Ugju's'n wind project, also in Quebec, we make an annual indexed contribution of \$675,000 to the Avignon Regional County Municipality, as well as an indexed social development fund of \$75,000 annually.

SPONSORSHIPS

Innergex welcomes opportunities to work with local not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions, community groups, social ventures, and indigenous government organizations that align with our values. Initiatives considered for partnership focus on areas where we feel we can make the most impact in promoting healthy communities. Innergex encourages and favours requests from regions where it carries out its activities with a focus on the following priorities:

- Environment and sustainable development;
- Autonomy and economic development of local and indigenous communities;
- Socio-community projects;
- Amateur sports, physical activity, and health;
- Education and entrepreneurship.

In 2017, Innergex provided sponsorships totalling almost **\$350,000** to approximately **75** organizations.

LEGACY PROJECTS

Legacy projects can be a powerful catalyst for social change. Innergex has always been proud to have supported community legacy projects in the areas in which we operate. These initiatives bring tangible improvements that have positive long-term impacts on communities, their residents and visitors. Some of the legacy project Innergex has contributed to over the years include:

- \$225,000 to the construction of the Cascade Falls suspension bridge in British Columbia
- \$250,000/year to the maintenance of Parc des Chutes-de-la-Chaudière Nature Park in Quebec
- \$50,000 to the rebuilding of le Théâtre de la Vieille-Forge de Petite-Vallée in Quebec
- \$500,000 to the development of the Friendship Trail in British Columbia

All of the projects Innergex has contributed to are diverse, broad in scope and began with the support of community leaders and residents alike.

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