

Keepers of the Water Delegation to Attend the 'Who is financing the destruction of our lands?' RBC AGM Indigenous Delegation Panel

For Immediate Release:



Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 — Keepers of the Water (KOW) is attending the [Indigenous Land Defenders delegation](#)'s panel and press conference at the [RBC Revealed](#) mobilization campaign at the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)'s Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 4th and 5th, 2023, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The RBC 2023 AGM is a critical opportunity for shareholders to decide how RBC uses their money and you can join us in the global movement to stop the funders of climate change.

In bankrolling the Coastal GasLink fracked gas pipeline without the Free, Prior and Informed Consent from Wet'suwet'en Hereditary leadership, RBC continues to finance dangerous fossil fuel expansion projects in our traditional territories, a direct threat to Indigenous sovereignty and clean water.

At 6:30 pm on April 4th, 2023, join the Indigenous delegation at the [Wonderhub](#) for a panel discussion on '*Who is financing the destruction of our lands?*' featuring some speakers involved in water and land protection from RBC-backed fossil fuel projects. This in-person panel is a feature event of the RBC Revealed mobilization campaign and will be [live-streamed](#) for those not in attendance.

Poet and Native political theorist Erica Violet Lee will moderate this panel, which includes We'tsuwet'en Hereditary Chief Na'Moks, executive director for Keepers of the Water, Jesse Cardinal, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC), Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, founder of the Giniw Collective, Tara Houska, and executive director of The Vessel Project and The Gulf Fossil Finance Coordinator for Texas Campaign for The Environment, Roishetta Ozane.

On April 5th, 2023, from 10:00 am until noon, KOW will be joining the Indigenous Land Defenders delegation and climate allies at the RBC AGM, followed by a 1:30 pm press conference at the Delta Bessborough, Club Lounge (2nd floor), located at 601 Spadina Crescent E, Saskatoon, SK. This event will also be [live-streamed](#) for those who can not attend.

We must stay connected to the natural world and ensure our work protects and preserves our territories for future generations. Keepers is here to give voice to the Water and the living systems depending on clean water for planetary survival. RBC shareholders can no longer turn a blind eye to the destruction caused by their reckless investments. They must commit to genuine change.

Jesse Cardinal KOW Executive Director

About KEEPERS OF THE WATER (keepersofthewater.ca): Keepers of the Water are First Nations, Métis, Inuit, environmental groups, concerned citizens, and communities working together for the protection of water, air, land, and all living things within the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin.

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