



## A brave new world... dealing with COVID-19

These are unprecedented times, unlike any the OFNTSC has experienced in its 25-year history. While we have had to make drastic changes to the way we live, work, and communicate with one another, the OFNTSC is adaptable, flexible, and resilient. We will continue to provide services to our First Nation communities and we will make it through this, together.

Ensuring the safety of staff is our top concern at this time. The majority of our staff have been working from home since Monday, March 16, continuing to provide services to our clients remotely. While we don't know how long this will last and when we can go back to the office, technologies like video conferencing, cloud-based file storage, and email have made this transition considerably easier than it would have been fifteen years ago.

We understand the importance of supporting each other and promoting health in First Nations communities to stop the spread of COVID-19. If any First Nation requires support with respect to operating their critical community infrastructure, or is in an emergency situation that requires training, we encourage you to connect with OFNTSC staff to discuss resources and options.

Below you will find a list of our services with the names and direct phone numbers of the OFNTSC team member you can reach out to if you have questions:

- **Emergency Planning:** Tracey Anderson or Kyle Martin (647-519-2262 or 416-209-4041)
- **Engineering Services:** Glen Goodman (807-633-1068)
- **Environmental Services:** Stephanie Allen (416-347-9557)
- **Finance:** Alisha Anderson (647-525-9033 or 416-435-8972)
- **Corporate:** Alisha Anderson / Melanie Debassige (647-525-9033 or 416-435-8972)
- **Housing:** Janet Galant (416-529-0586)
- **Water and Wastewater:** Glen Goodman (807-633-1068)
- **Operations and Maintenance:** Elmer Lickers (416-948-8738)
- **All other inquiries:** Kanekaroroks McComber (226-493-0225)

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide links to helpful information and resources that may be helpful to First Nations on our website [www.ofntsc.org](http://www.ofntsc.org).

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## Event Cancellations - TechNations 2020

Due to the unknown timeline of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our upcoming TechNations conference. We will let you know as soon as more information is available as to if/when it will be rescheduled.



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## OFNTSC Career Opportunities!



*Now hiring - Circuit Rider Training Program Specialist*

Do you have a passion for providing clean and safe drinking water to First Nations? Apply to be a Circuit Rider Training Program Specialist today!

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*Now hiring - Water and Wastewater Engineer*

Utilize your skills, education, and experience as a Water and Wastewater Engineer with OFNTSC. Apply today!

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### *In Memoriam: Jay Benedict (1961 - 2020)*





It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of long standing OFNTSC Board Director, Mr. Jay Benedict. He passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020.

Mr. Benedict served on the OFNTSC Board of Directors and Executive Committee for over 20 years starting in 1996. OFNTSC will greatly miss Jay and his immense knowledge; we thank him for his numerous contributions to the governance and growth of the organization over the past 25 years.

Our sincerest condolences are being shared with the Benedict family during this time of mourning. Please keep them in your thoughts as we go through this difficult time.

[Jay Benedict Obituary](#)

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### Resources from the Solid Waste Association of North America

Are you a solid waste handler wondering how to deal with COVID-19? Check out some of the resources below, provided by the Solid Waste Association of North America:

- Municipal Waste Association: <https://municipalwaste.ca/responding-to-covid-19-waste-recycling-service-updates-from-our-municipal-members/>
- Ontario Waste Management Association- <https://www.owma.org/cpages/covid>
- SWANA -A Guidance to Coronavirus with USA Center for Disease Control updates and SWANA resources: [https://swana.org/initiatives/guidance-on-coronavirus-\(covid-19\)](https://swana.org/initiatives/guidance-on-coronavirus-(covid-19))



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