



ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES  
CORPORATION

# OFNTSC Monthly Newsletter



## Upcoming Training Opportunities:

### Evacuation and Reception Centre Overview Training Session

**Where:** Casino Rama Hotel and Conference Centre

**When:** Tuesday, March 3 - Thursday, March 5, 2020

[Learn more/Register](#)

### First Nations Transfer Station Operations and Maintenance Training

**Where:** Casino Rama Hotel and Conference Centre

**When:** March 24 - 25, 2020

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## Nootkamegwanning Water Treatment Plant Wins Award!

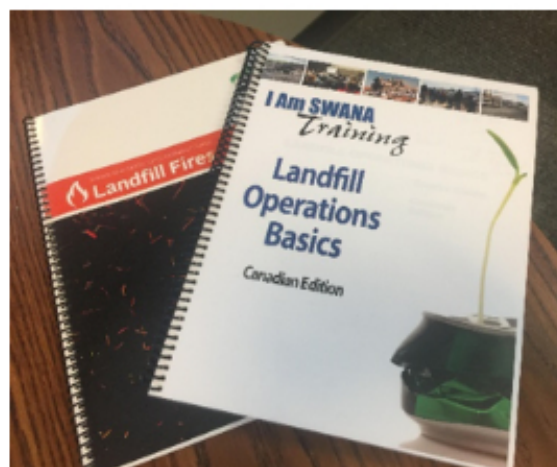
Our congratulations go out to the Nootkamegwanning Water Treatment Plant on receiving the 2019 Ontario Public Water Works Association's Project of the Year Award in the Small Municipality and Communities category.

## OFNTSC Environment Team Update

First Nations, Tribal Council Solid Waste Coordinators and members of the OFNTSC's Environment team attended the SWANA facilitated training - Landfill Operations Basics and best practices for prevention and extinguishing landfill fires.

The training, held in Thunder Bay from January 21-23, 2020, highlighted the important role and functions of regulated sanitary landfills in the overall integrated solid waste management system.

The training specifically covered spotting and waste screening, equipment maintenance, cell construction and compaction, litter control, landfill safety, landfill gas generation, leachate production, and groundwater management. The training was supported with a tour to the Thunder Bay Landfill Waste Management site.



The Environmental Team also organized a Webinar on **Energy Efficiency and**

**Mold Management on January 23, 10:30-11:30.** The online event was planned for *Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) - Community Energy Champions*. The presentation covered *energy efficiency strategies* to control, remediate, and mitigate mold in the built environment.

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## CIRA FUNDING FOR CANADIAN INTERNET PROJECTS

There is currently a funding opportunity available through the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) via the Community Investment Program. They are especially looking for projects that benefit students, and northern, rural and Indigenous communities in Canada.

This project will give more than \$1 million to Canadian not-for-profits, charities and academic institutions for projects that help build a trusted internet for Canadians.

The deadline to submit proposals is February 25, at 2 pm (ET).

To learn more visit [cira.ca/improving-canadas-internet/grants](https://cira.ca/improving-canadas-internet/grants)

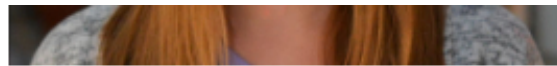
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### Recognizing our accomplishments!

OFNTSC's Engineering Team recently prepared and submitted proposals to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund on behalf of 18 First Nations in Ontario. Congratulations on this great work and we wish all the communities luck with their applications.

Members of OFNTSC's Engineering team are pictured below!





*Above from left to right: Tricia Hamilton, Lorri Bova, Drew Hill, Dean Debassige, Amy Gollat.*

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