



ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES  
CORPORATION

# March 2020 Newsletter

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**HAPPY  
TWENTY-FIVE  
YEARS TO US!**

#OFNTSCCELEBRATES25

**Help us celebrate 25 years!**

On Thursday, February 13, OFNTSC officially turned twenty-five. Help us

celebrate this monumental achievement throughout the year by following along as we post throwbacks, interesting facts, and exciting news on our social media channels using the hashtag #OFNTSCelebrate25



Follow us on social media!



## OFNTSC Governance Reform Update:

In response to feedback from its voting members (First Nations and Tribal Councils in Ontario) and its primary funder (Indigenous Services Canada), the OFNTSC is implementing governance reforms to better position the corporation to serve the technical and engineering needs of its clients (First Nations and Tribal Councils in Ontario).

On January 8, 2020, a special meeting of OFNTSC members was held (i.e. meeting of its First Nation and Tribal Council-appointed members). At this meeting, the OFNTSC corporate members voted to initiate a process of governance reforms over the coming 6 to 10 months.

### **The following governance reforms have been proposed:**

- Reduce the number of corporate Board Members from 24 to 12 directors;
- Move from a Representative Board (i.e. where each member has the opportunity to appoint a board member from time to time) to a

Competency-based Board;

- Institute a Political Representatives Advisory Committee;
- Institute a Technical Advisory Committee;
- Introduce modern board committees for Finance and Audit, Human Resources and Executive Compensation, Nominations and Governance and Technology to ensure best practice governance and oversight are in place;
- Ensure that First Nations values and knowledge systems are incorporated into OFNTSC's governance processes;
- Implement greater separation between the Board of Directors and OFNTSC's Executive Management.

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**Flip the Switch 2020!** OFNTSC took part in a trade show showcasing its capacity building services at this Indigenous energy information symposium. The event was hosted by the Ogemawahj Tribal Council, the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Hydro One on Feb 25 & 26 at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort & Conference Centre, Alliston.



**AWWAO AGM and Tradeshow!** OFNTSC participated in the AWWAO's 25th annual AGM and Tradeshow on February 25, at Casino Rama Resort. We met with dozens of Water Operators at the event and were able to have productive conversations about the needs of First Nations Communities when it comes to Water and Wastewater.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**AUGUST**

**24 - 27**



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**Upcoming Events:**

**First Nations Transfer Station Operations and Maintenance Training**

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

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

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