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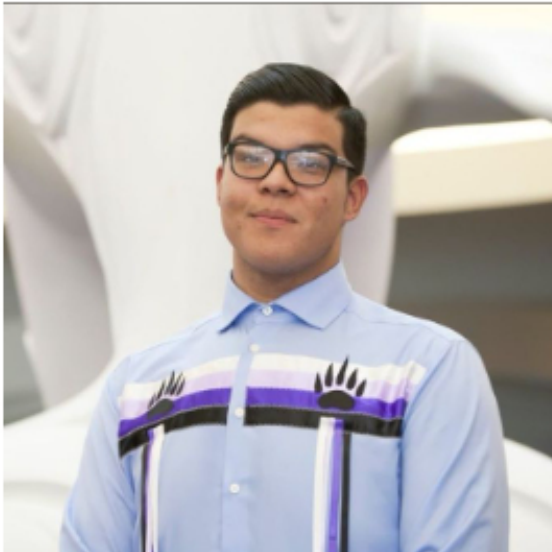
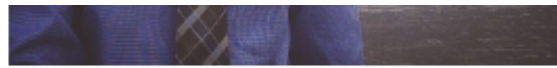
OFNTSC September Newsletter

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2019 Student Scholarship & Robert Olivier Memorial Award Winners!





Clockwise from top left: Emily Ouellette, Nyland Hall, Skylar Manitowabi, Brandon Lofstrom.

These remarkable students have demonstrated their commitment not only to their studies in the fields of Architecture, Construction and Engineering, but also to their communities through their outstanding work.

Please join us in congratulating them on their hard work on September 15 at our Annual Student Classic Golf Fundraiser (more information in Upcoming Events).

[Click here to learn more about our winners!](#)



Upcoming Events!

Brantford Office Open House: Monday, September 9, 2019, 10 am - 2 pm at 195 Henry Street, Building 4, Unit 3.

Student Classic Golf Fundraiser: Sunday September 15, 2019, shotgun start at 12:00 p.m. at the Greens at Renton in Simcoe, Ontario. Email or call Nathan at nhill@ofntsc.org or 226-493-0225 ext. 268 to register.

All proceeds from this event support OFNTSC's Student Scholarship Awards!

Fuel Systems Management Workshop: September 16 and 17 in Bearskin Lake. For more information contact Mark Schell at mschell@ofntsc.org or call 807-623-9595 ext. 112

Upcoming FN PIEVC Asset Management Workshops:

1. [Sioux Lookout, September 17 - 19, 2019](#)
2. [Fort Frances, October 15 - 17, 2019](#)
3. [Kenora, November 19 - 21, 2019](#)
4. [Timmins, December 10 - 12, 2019](#)
5. [Thunder Bay, January 21 - 23, 2020](#)

For more information, contact Elmer Lickers at elickers@ofntsc.org or call 226-493-0225.

Solid Waste Diversion Training: October 1 and 2, Nipissing First Nation. Email or call Roopa at rrakshit@ofntsc.org or 807 623 9595 ext. 114.

Please note that accommodations (room and tax only) for one participant per Tribal Council and First Nation Community will be covered. Eligible travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Ontario First Nations Infrastructure Technical Meeting

The Ontario First Nations Infrastructure Technical Meeting (formerly the All Tribal Council Meeting) is hosted annually by the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC).

The event provides an opportunity for delegates to receive updates from First Nations organizations and the Federal and Provincial governments on programs and services related to the work we do. OFNTSC also highlights new

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Delegates for this event consist mostly of OFNTSC's client base which includes Ontario Tribal Councils, Large First Nations and Unaffiliated First Nations.

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CRTP Train the Trainers Workshop!

In partnership with the Walkerton Clean Water Centre the OFNTSC will be providing a CRTP 'Train the Trainers' workshop at the Ontario First Nations Infrastructure Technical Meeting on October 1st and 2nd at Casino Rama. Circuit Rider Trainers can make arrangements to attend by emailing Tracey John at tjohn@ofntsc.org. Please note registration for this workshop is limited to OFNTSC's Contracted Circuit Rider Trainers only.

SAVE THE DATE! The Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference is taking place October 9 -10, 2019 in Thunder Bay. Details on the event may be viewed at www.nofnec.ca. OFNTSC Contact: Deneen at dbrigham@ofntsc.org.

Fuel Systems Management Training





From August 20 – 22, OFNTSC provided training to Keewaytinook Okimakanak Tribal Council in Fuel Systems Management, as well as Transportation of Dangerous Good (TDG) and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) in Dryden.

The workshop was well received and participants came from the communities of Fort Severn, Poplar Hill, and McDowell Lake.

Attendance prizes were given out and included a cordless drill and driver tool set and a heavy-duty tool bag with an assortment of hand tools.

Congratulations to Nathan Howson and Kevin Owen who took home these amazing prizes!

Broadband Funding Opportunity

A new federal initiative, the Broadband Fund, will provide funding to support broadband projects (e.g. to build or upgrade infrastructure to provide fixed and mobile wireless broadband Internet service, including satellites). This initiative is intended to support the connectivity gaps in remote communities across the country, including First Nations.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **October 3, 2019**.

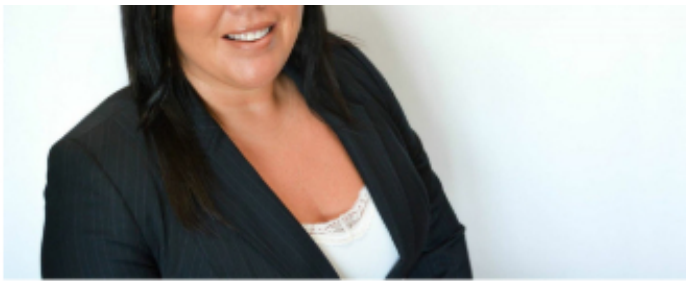
Visit www.crtc.gc.ca/broadband-fund to learn more.

OFNTSC Executive Director, Melanie Debassige to serve on Board of Directors for new Canadian Energy Regulator



Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Today the Government of Canada announced the Board of Directors for the new Canadian Energy Regulator. Ontario First



Nations Technical Services Corporation's (OFNTSC) Executive Director, Melanie Debassige, has been chosen to serve on the board and will bring her unique experience in strategic oversight.

Melanie Debassige has over 20 years of experience in Indigenous Economic Development and is a certified corporate director. She is currently employed as the Executive Director of the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation and serves on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Clean Water Agency. She previously served as Chief of Staff for the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations and was an elected official with the M'Chigeeng First Nation. Ms. Debassige holds a Master of Business Administration from Cape Breton University and is a graduate of the Directors Education Program at the Institute of Corporate Directors and Rotman School of Management.



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