



ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES  
CORPORATION

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# Monthly Bulletin

## OFNTSC Funding/Operations Update

Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) has received funding for the following project-based programs: Circuit Rider Training Program; Emergency Management Program; Asset Conditioning Reporting System; and the First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Program. As of today, normal operations have begun to resume for these programs.

Regarding OFNTSC's core funding, 2.2 million will be released in August as OFNTSC engages in ongoing discussions with Indigenous Services Canada to make improvements on the funding model. The remaining core funding is expected to be confirmed in late September 2019.

## OFNTSC Student Classic Golf Fundraiser – NEW DATE!!!

Join us at the Greens at Renton in Simcoe on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** for our Student Classic Golf Fundraiser. Each year we raise funds for our Student Scholarship and Robert Olivier Memorial Awards. All proceeds from the event go directly to supporting First Nations students who are completing their studies in engineering, science or technology.

To register, please contact Nathan Hill at [nhill@ofntsc.org](mailto:nhill@ofntsc.org).

## SAVE THE DATE Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference (NOFNEC)

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference (NOFNEC): *"Engaging our Communities in Environmental Sustainability"*, is a regional based initiative which brings together representatives from over 80 First Nations located across Northern Ontario. The intent of this forum is to foster technical self-reliance and to build capacity for future environmental and economic sustainability within First Nation communities. This will be achieved through the exchange of information, shared success stories, and the opportunity for hands-on-training.

OFNTSC is part of the Planning Committee for NOFNEC 2019 along with representatives from 11 Tribal Councils.

To learn more about this event please visit [www.nofnec.ca](http://www.nofnec.ca)

## Indigenous Capacity Support Program

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) is making funding available through a new Indigenous Capacity Support Program to Indigenous people, communities and organizations to help develop skills to better participate in the new impact assessment system.

This funding, provided outside the context of specific project reviews, is intended to support better informed and more meaningful engagement and leadership of Indigenous peoples in consultations on project assessments, regional and strategic initiatives, and policy development.

For more details on how to apply and how the funding program works, please refer to:

### News Release:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environmental-assessment-agency/news/2019/07/funding-to-support-indigenous-participation-in-the-new-impact-assessment-system.html>

Applications received by September 7, 2019 will be considered. Recipients and the amount of funding allocated will be announced at a later date.

## Water investments at Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to improve safe water access and protect against drought

<https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2019/07/water-investments-at-mohawks-of-the-bay-of-quinte-to-improve-safe-water-access-and-protect-against-drought.html>



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 7, 2019 – Thunder Bay Open House, 10 am – 1 pm, 1159 Alloy Drive, Thunder Bay
- September 9, 2019 – Brantford Office Open House, 10 am – 2 pm, 195 Henry Street, Brantford
- September 15, 2019 – Student Classic Golf Fundraiser, 12 pm, Greens at Renton, Simcoe, Ontario
- October 1 & 2, 2019 – All Tribal Council, Rama First Nation, more info will be available soon