

Brief Program Summary

Public Works/Capital Management



Overview

Public Works/Capital Management oversees the Roads Department, Water Treatment Department, and Custodian Maintenance Department. We assist the department supervisors in addressing any obstacles they encounter related to staff or operational processes.

In addition, Public Works/Capital Management is responsible for managing the Band's assets, which include all Band-owned buildings, roadways, culverts, street lights, the garbage dump, and the government dock. We actively seek out funding proposals to support the upkeep, repair, or upgrading of Band buildings, as well as funding for new infrastructure projects that align with long-term business objectives and benefit our community.

Public Works also coordinates all aspects of capital projects, manages budgets, and oversees the operation and repair of existing community assets. This includes the landfill, recycling, roads, drainage, water treatment and distribution, and community-owned buildings. The manager ensures that all reporting requirements are met, compliance is maintained with relevant government legislation, and funding proposals are written for new projects.

Objectives and Services

Our primary goal is to ensure that our services and operations benefit the community and improve the quality of life for its members. We prioritize initiatives that address the needs of our people, aiming to reduce stress and enhance daily life. When seeking funding, we consider the long-term impact on future generations and focus on building sustainable infrastructure that will serve the community for years to come.

We are committed to ensuring that our departmental processes are inclusive, professional, and stress-free, providing opportunities for Band members to gain valuable work experience, training, and skills development.

- **The Roads Department** manages road assets, culverts, ditches, and the landfill.
- **The Water Treatment Department** ensures the safe disinfection of incoming water and the proper functioning of waterlines, curb stops, and valve boxes to deliver clean water to households.

- **The Custodian Maintenance Department** is responsible for maintaining cleanliness in all Band buildings, ensuring daily cleaning of work areas and facilities.

Target Audience

The primary audience for these services is the community as a whole, particularly Band members.

Recent Developments

- **Water Treatment Plant:** We recently received approval and funding from Indigenous Services Canada to construct a new water treatment plant and distribution line, which will increase capacity and support new users in the community.
- **Community Center Upgrades:** We have secured funding for upgrades to the community center, enhancing its facilities.
- **New Roads:** Recent paving projects have improved the quality of our roads.
- **Energy-Efficient Street Lights:** We have started upgrading to energy-efficient street lights to reduce energy consumption and improve safety.

Recent Limitations

There are no significant limitations to report at this time.

Next Steps

- **Community Center Retrofit:** We will move forward with the planned retrofitting of the community center.
- **Culvert Project:** A new culvert project is underway to help mitigate water runoff and protect our assets.
- **Ice Rink Structure:** Construction of a new structure over the ice rink is planned.
- **New Ball Diamonds & Recreation Park:** We are working towards the development of new ball diamonds and a recreational park to enhance community leisure activities.

Community Engagement

To access services or for more information, community members can contact the **Community Center** at **519-534-3266**.