



Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn

Annual Reports



Public Works

A l g o n q u i n s o f P i k w a k a n a g a n



PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

The Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation government and management structure provides for a process for sound departmental business planning relevant to Public Works which includes programs and services such as capital infrastructure, housing programs, roads operations, electrification, recycling, solid waste, water, wastewater management, and special projects.

The Public Works department staff:

- . Create effective housing and infrastructure strategies and tools
- . Develop effective and efficient service delivery system for the management of housing and community infrastructure.
- . Work with the Standing Committee of Council on Public Works mandate that meet the needs of our citizens.
- . Develop and implement appropriate policies and procedures that work.
- . Draft annual work plans and budgets that meet community and Chief & Council approval.

STAFF PROFILES

Merv Sarazin, Manager, Public Works: Responsible for overseeing the daily operations of Public Works including: finances, materials, reports, personnel, community buildings, roads, electrical, recycling, solid waste, streetlights, housing (rentals and new constructions) RRAP, and capital (Infrastructure).

Chantelle Coburn, Clerk/Assistant, Public Works: Responsible for various administrative duties and general office procedures. Assists public with general inquiries, schedules appointments, and assists departmental committees. Makwa Centre rentals, and rental units.

Mike Ott, Heavy Equipment Operator:

Duties include the operation of heavy equipment, bulldozer, tandem truck and snowplow in the winter season. A certified septic installer. Operates garbage truck. Grass cutting.

Wilson Amikons, Public Works Assistant: Responsible for the maintenance at the community building, and rentals. A certified septic installer. Responsible for the maintenance of the landfill site, recycling, minor repair jobs Grass cutting and weed trimming.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:



Based on the ACRS projects report and issues identified in various facilities, we set out a Plan to address the following:
contractors for the electrical and plumbing work. (on- going status)

KIJI WOODWORKING SHOP

There were an number of repair issues identified in this facility as the time of building inspection by the consultant. The most recent inspection by the OFNTSC inspector called for the demolition of this facility as it is now a safety issue. The Plan is to tender out the work to local members with proper training in Fall Arrest/Safety and experience in demolition projects to tear it down. (job creation). We tendered to local contractors to seek a price at the same time.

EQUIPMENT GARAGE

A number of repair issues were identified. We hired local members to address the issues. This work is now complete. We built a lean to on the salt shed to store the equipment. This project is complete and an inspection report is completed.



FIRE STATION



A number of repairs issues were identified in the ACRS report. We hired local members to address the major issues as a priority. Some outside work on the roof needs to be completed once the snow is gone.

HERITAGE CENTRE

A number of repair issues are currently being addressed We hired local members and hired local contractors for electrical and plumbing work as required. This project work is on-going.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

A number of issues have been identified in the ACRS report and a Plan is established to address this before the end of March 31, 2014. Some reconstruction will take place to build a meeting room. Local members (job creation) is how we plan to address the repairs.

CAPITAL HOUSING

Two (2) new housing units were identified in the Plan. A housing subsidy was awarded to each new housing unit under this component. The Standing Committee of Council on Public Works were informed and recommendations were forwarded to Chief and Council for approval of award for housing subsidies. Motions of Council were established. The two (2) housing projects are near completion and I will send in the Certificate of Completion of Capital Project forms upon final inspections. A Ministerial Guarantee was required for one of the housing projects.

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO (2) DUPLEXES:

The construction of two (2) duplexes to meet the needs of singles is well underway. The site development work was completed in the fall 2013 along with the well drilling. We have sufficient water supply for both housing units. . The commitment documents for this project is complete and we received approval from the funding agency CMHC and INAC. The actual construction of the facilities will begin this spring and we will hire local labour (job creation) and a project manager. . Electrical, Plumbing and Heating contractors will tender for the work.

HOUSING-RENTALS

The Standing Committee of Council on Public Works had submitted a draft policy and guidelines on Rent to Own to Chief and Council for approval. The First Nation would like to set up a process where band members could acquire band rentals on a Rent to Own basis. This is an ongoing activity..

Renovations of Housing Rentals is also being addressed. Inspections have been completed by the building inspector and Health Inspector. The identification of issues in all rental units have been determined along with detailed costing per unit. Funding options are being considered.



WATER AND SANITATION:

Funding was allocated to support the two (2) new housing projects.

HOUSING SITE DEVELOPMENT:

Funding was allocated to support the two (2) new housing projects.

MINOR CAPITAL

A Minor Capital Deferral Plan was submitted to the Manager, Financial Services to forward to INAC in June 2013. A number of projects were identified and contracts have been awarded as per this deferral plan.

WATER FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE



Stantec and the Ontario Clean Water Association were contracted to manage this project and provide for the deliverables. A number of issues were identified during the water testing program component. Uranium Exceedance, Radium and Radon were discovered and now being addressed as we move forward on the Water | Project. Certificate of Completion of Capital Project forms were submitted to INAC for this project work.



WASTE MANAGEMENT:

A project study was completed along with a waste audit. A transformation plan and program was implemented. We had been doing better in terms of recycling fiber and container products. The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre is continue collecting our recyclable items as we have met there requirements. We introduced the use of clear plastic bags in place of the yellow bins. We still need to set up a means of disposing and collection of hazardous waste. We are collectors of tires. Steel and metal is removed by a designated contractor. A monitor is assigned to regulate the dump site.

FIRE PROTECTION

The Fire Chief provides reports to Chief and Council.



ROADS

Reconstruction projects on Mishewe Inamo and a section of Ininatig Inamo was completed last fall 2013. The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) provided some funding to assist us in these two roads improvement projects.

ROADS, MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT

The winter season is longer this year than what we normally experience. The cost for roads maintenance has increased. Roads equipment failure also affected our delivery of services. Mechanical costs and labour costs will increase. Funding issues will be addressed.

OUTDOOR RINK

A rink committee has been establish to assist in the preparation and



MAKWA CENTRE RETROFIT

Heating and cooling system will be addressed by Mundt's AoP this spring.

CENOTAPH RE-LOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION

Plans are being developed to relocate the cenotaph.
