



NEWSLETTER
MAY 2021



TSAG Remote Learning Opportunities JUNE & JULY 2021



TSAG's Circuit Rider Training Program, Sustainable Communities Program, ACRS, and Housing Condition Assessment Program (HCAP) have been busy developing resources to transition some of our training opportunities into remote learning opportunities. Our offerings include live virtual classroom courses as well as self-paced online courses. With the warmer weather, we're also starting to offer in-person training opportunities with Covid-19 protocols in place.

Here are the upcoming remote and in-person learning opportunities:

JUNE & JULY 2021

Fire Fundamental Training – in-person training, various dates and locations
June 21st – June 25th 8:30-4:30 High Level, AB

ACRS Mixed Heavy Equipment Training – in-person training
July 26th – July 30th Olds College, AB

Tutoring for Water and Wastewater Operators – virtual through Zoom

Please feel free to join in on the TSAG tutoring sessions on every second Thursday of the month, from 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00 pm to 4 pm. The online tutoring will have the CRT's jumping in to help out with any questions that you may have about the water and wastewater industry. Also throughout the day we will be going over a few math problems that are directly related to the water and wastewater industry. So please join in for a few hours or join in for the whole day. If you have any questions on the IWWS courses bring them as well. Follow the link provided no password required.

Every month on the second Thursday, until Nov 11, 2021

Jun 10, 2021	9:00 AM
Jul 8, 2021	9:00 AM
Aug 12, 2021	9:00 AM
Sep 9, 2021	9:00 AM
Oct 14, 2021	9:00 AM
Nov 11, 2021	9:00 AM



ZOOM LINK

<https://fntn.zoom.us/j/98356650561>

MEETING ID

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ALBERTA INDIGENOUS VIRTUAL CARE CLINIC

CALL 1.888.342.4822 TODAY

Family members of Indigenous people are able to access our clinic, even if non-Indigenous themselves.

All appointments are 100% covered by Alberta Health. We are here to help you, but we do not offer vaccine injections.

Please know we the clinic cannot prescribe any narcotics, benzodiazepines, or other medications with the potential for misuse or diversion.



CLINIC HOURS

Monday	8:30am	- 4:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am	- 4:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am	- 8:30pm *OPEN LATE*
Thursday	8:30am	- 4:30pm
Friday	8:30am	- 4:30pm
Saturday	12:30pm	- 4:30pm
Sunday	12:30pm	- 4:30pm

PATIENT COMMENT

"It's amazing how technology works especially during this pandemic. I don't feel comfortable going to wait in a waiting room with people I don't know, the doctor was able to treat me over the phone. She was able to prescribe me medications and she even faxed it to the nearest pharmacy, the medication helped me, I didn't have to wait around anywhere."

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Round It Up!

Municipalities, Indigenous communities, regional waste authorities and commissions, and registered collection sites can apply for support to host a round up event to collect old electronics, paint, used oil materials, and scrap tires.



How does it work?

Alberta Recycling Management Authority – (ARMA)

Four stewardship programs for used oil, paint, electronics, and tires

– the consumer pays a fee that goes into a take back program to fund collection hauling and recycling of material. First Nation communities can participate as year round collection sites, seasonal round ups, or both.

Communities receive money per item for electronics and paint. Tires are removed by the processor at no cost.

Household Hazardous Waste

– is not part of this suite of programs but is often included (if you are cleaning up around the house these are part of it!) – this is an extra cost to the community to have a registered processor assist with providing bins for sorting in the community, and there are sometimes extra fees for hauling away the Household Hazardous Waste. Economies of scale make it more practical to bundle the programs together and have one processor collect and remove all of the materials in one trip. Count on adding at least \$2000.00 - \$2500.00 per cubic meter to your budget.



OUR IMPACT RECYCLING DEPOTS RECYCLING PROGRAMS SUPPLIERS ELECTRONICS PILOT

Recycling Programs

Find out how the Electronics, Paint, Tire and Oil Programs work including which products are eligible for recycling and what happens to your old products after you have dropped them off for recycling.

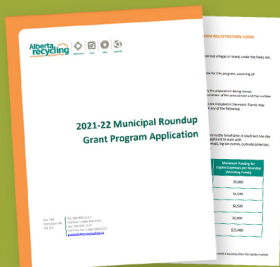


How do you sign up?

Step One

Review the Municipal Roundup Grant Program Requirements:

- Event funding information
- Advertising funding information
- General roundup information



Step Two

Submit the Municipal Roundup Application at least four weeks prior to your event:

- 2021-22 Municipal Roundup Grant Application

****To be approved for a municipal roundup, applicants must demonstrate they have measures in place that adhere to public health requirements for COVID-19.****

Step Three

After your event, submit the following Funding Request Forms:

- 2021-22 Event and Ad Funding Request Form
- How to claim your funding

We will be hosting a webinar with more information about how to host a round up in your community, look for an e-mail or stay tuned to our Facebook page.



If you have questions about how to host a round up in your community, please contact
Pam Haggarty
phaggarty@tsag.net
780-935-4042



TSAG's Fire Services Team TOP 5 BURNING QUESTIONS



The TSAG Fire Services Team has been around for well over 5 years offering a variety of services to our Alberta First Nations. In that time, our team and the services we deliver have changed and grown so we thought it was a great time to answer all those "Burning Questions" you may have; pun absolutely intended!



1)

Did you know that TSAG has a Fire Services Team?

We sure do! Our Fire Services Team is made up of:
Fire Program Manager - Derian Rosario,
Fire Field Officer – Dale Dueck
Fire Field Officer – Kelsey Hycha
and brand new to our team:
Alarm Specialist – Alan Henderson



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2) What services are offered to the Nation from TSAG?

The TSAG Fire Services Team offers a variety of services including:

FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENTS

Fire Department Assessments not only include an assessment of the Nation's Fire Hall, but also their corresponding fire equipment, fire tools and fire vehicles. Each Fire Department Assessment will consist of:

- a) Assessment of the current status of fire department resources and firefighter capacity
- b) Assessment of fire flow and fire suppression capabilities
- c) Hydrant Flow testing using industry standard practices as each Nation's water system is different in water and design

FIRE ALARM AND SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSPECTION/RECERTIFICATION

With a lack of information around Fire Alarm and Sprinkler systems in Alberta First Nations, TSAG identified the need for these types of system assessments to be completed. TSAG created assessment reports and tools to ensure the information collected and reported on is complete, consistent and provides an accurate overview of these systems.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CODE INSPECTIONS

Fire inspections are conducted to assess the potential fire safety hazards in a building. The inspection type and frequency varies from one to another, depending on the building, relevant laws, and local regulations applicable for the type of building occupancy. The building under inspection should meet a set of standard codes related to fire safety as it pertains to their certification. TSAG Fire Team Members are certified according to Alberta Safety Codes and utilize and reference the both those codes and the National Fire Code within each Fire & Life Safety Code Inspection report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Fire Department training continues to be requested by First Nations in Alberta. This year, TSAG will be offering the Firefighter Fundamentals Course and will include continued skills maintenance training. We also offer Fire Extinguisher training, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 Level 1, NFPA 1001 Level 2 session, Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, and Wildland Training and Pump Fundamentals.



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3) **How much do these Services Cost?**

The Fire Services & Training are free of charge to all participating Alberta First Nations (with Fire Training offered to all Alberta First Nations Fire Team Members*) and are scheduled based on Annual Fiscal Requirements and performed on all Federally Funded Assets; these assets are identified with Asset codes provided by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

Alberta First Nation Fire Team Members include all individuals who are actively identified as a member of an Alberta First Nations Fire Team. All registrations will be confirmed with the Fire Chief of the respective Nation. Training registration will only be accepted by active Fire Team Members and a confirmation will be required*

4) **How do I schedule an assessment, inspection or recertification in my Nation?**

Through the months April – September, the TSAG Fire Services Team are busy completing annual inspections in the directed Treaty Region as per our annual workplan. For the months following (October-December), all requests for services can be scheduled by emailing our fire team at fire@tsag.net and requesting a service for your Nation's Federally Funded Asset.

Your email to TSAG should include:

- Your First Nation Name
- The First Nation Building contact name, phone number and email
- The type of service requested (assessment, inspection or recertification)
- The asset name (i.e. administration building)
- The physical address of the asset
- The corresponding asset code (as provided by ISC),
- The date you would like the inspection completed.

TSAG will do its very best to meet the dates provided; however, all requests are based on a first come, first serve basis.



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5) How do I obtain my Asset Code from ISC?

ISC has a copy of all Federally Funded Asset codes in their internal asset database. To obtain your asset code, email Tracey Travis at tracey.travis@canada.ca and request the asset number for the building you would like assessed. You will need to provide Tracey with the following information:

- Your First Nation Name
- The asset name (i.e. administration building)
- The physical address of the asset

You will receive an asset code if the asset is registered with ISC that can then be provided to TSAG. If the asset does not have an asset code, you will need to work with ISC to obtain an asset code or determine if the asset is Federally Funded. As a reminder, only Federally Funded Assets are part of the services offered by TSAG and can be assessed.



LAGOON SLUDGE

Why should people in First Nations be concerned about the sludge levels in their sewage lagoons?

When it comes to wastewater, most people feel that it's out of sight, out of mind! However, under-treated wastewater effluent can have a significant impact on receiving waterbodies that we all love to fish and recreate in. This is why it's important to ensure your community's wastewater lagoon is functioning and treating effluent to optimum levels before it's released back into the environment.

Many community sewage lagoons have either simply outgrown the capacity of their current sewage lagoon or have not had sufficient maintenance performed. Unfortunately, excessively high levels of sludge make it difficult for wastewater lagoons to function correctly. Sludge is the term for the solids that settle out within a lagoon as part of the normal treatment process – dirt, sand, and other debris. By performing planned, regular lagoon cleaning to remove sludge, the operations life cycle of these essential facilities can be optimized to provide the necessary function for the Nations.



The TSAG ACRS Group was asked by Floyd Provost, Piikani Public Works Director, to document the process and create training materials to be shared with other Nations to outline what is involved with the cleaning of the sewage lagoon cells, as well inform others of the benefits of doing these types of maintenance exercises.

The work was performed during the week of May 10, 2021 and was made possible by the coordinated efforts of the Piikani Public Works - Floyd Provost, Piikani Lands - Noreen Plain Eagle, Land Leasee - SpringPoint Colony, and Indigenous Services Canada - ISC. Cody Black Eyes, Piikani WTPO was instrumental in ensuring the contractor, Lambourne Environmental, had full access the lagoon site and the required valves to conduct the cleaning.

Stay tuned for more details about the training materials being developed from this work!

Mystery Landmarks!

Can you recognize the landmark featured this month?

The ACRS team are out in communities completing inspections and are using drones to assist in the process. Can you name this community based on this bird's eye view captured by our drone?

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Did you correctly guess the landmark from the April newsletter?



We were proud to feature Paul First Nation's new K-9 School!

[SEE IT ONLINE](#)

FIRST NATIONS TELEHEALTH NETWORK

Come and check out the First Nations Telehealth Network! You have the choice of many sessions on a variety of topics including COVID-19 updates, addiction and mental health, self-care sessions, and more. Visit our public library or series page to view past sessions.

Check out our home page or calendar for upcoming NEW sessions. Visit our website for more information today.



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We want to hear from you. If you have a topic you would like to learn more about, please reach out and let us know! You can reach us at vhhelp@fntn.ca