



Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

First Nations Fire Protection Strategy Webinar Series

Online via Zoom • Date (will be changed based on webinar)



CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Part 2: Infrastructure and Engineering

Virtual via Zoom

September 18, 2025



The [First Nations Fire Protection Strategy](#) is a national framework developed to enhance fire safety and emergency preparedness in First Nations communities. Built on six strategic pillars, the strategy aims to address persistent gaps in fire prevention, response, infrastructure, training, legislation, and data collection. It reflects the priorities and experiences of First Nations and emphasizes community-driven solutions, stronger partnerships, and sustainable support systems. The strategy provides a roadmap for reducing fire-related risks and strengthening local capacity through collaboration, innovation, and advocacy.

The community infrastructure and engineering pillar focuses on the built environment and the physical systems that support fire protection in First Nations communities. This includes essential infrastructure such as fire halls, hydrants, water supply systems, access roads, and fire-resistant housing. The pillar promotes innovative design, engineering standards, and infrastructure planning tailored to the unique needs of remote and rural communities. By addressing long-standing infrastructure gaps, this pillar aims to ensure that First Nations have the foundational systems in place to support effective fire prevention and emergency response.

This portion of the webinar series will address the physical and engineering foundations needed for strong fire protection systems. Presenters are encouraged to share examples of new fire hall construction, fire hydrant system upgrades, alternative water supply solutions, and housing design strategies that incorporate fire-resistant materials and layout planning. Contributions that examine engineering solutions in rural or remote First Nations are particularly valuable.

We invite submissions from First Nations practitioners, leaders, technical experts, and researchers who can offer valuable insight and practical strategies. Presentations should support the objectives of the Fire Protection Strategy, highlighting successes, challenges, and recommendations for implementation.

Submission Requirements:

- Synopsis: 200 words or less
- Presenter biography: 100 words or less (up to 3 presenters)
- Submit to: Alexandra Whiteduck at infrastructure@afn.ca
- Subject line: FNFPS Webinar – Infrastructure

Submission Deadline: August 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. ET

Please note, submissions may be edited for length in webinar materials, digital or hard copy. Successful applicants will be notified by September 9, 2025.

For questions, please email infrastructure@afn.ca.