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# COMMUNITY NOTICE

## RURAL WATER AND WASTEWATER O&M DEPARTMENT PILOT PROJECT



### Project Overview

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Samson Cree Nation is *one of only two* Nations across Canada who have received pilot funding for the creation and administration of an Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Department dedicated to servicing the water and wastewater infrastructure of the Nation's 850+ rural homes, located both in Samson Cree Nation and in Pigeon Lake.

The department will operate under the Tipahaskahn Kamik Pillar, and will include the hiring of 10+ staff positions, and purchase of capital infrastructure (incl. servicing trucks and equipment). The Nation is very excited to pilot this new department to address aging infrastructure and Drinking Water Advisories. We hope that our Nation can serve as a model for other First Nations across Canada who seek to improve public health for rural community members. We expect to be posting for the new positions over the next 2-3 months. Keep an eye out on the Samson Cree Nation App and Facebook Page!

### What Does This Mean for Me?

In short, a new department brings a lot of opportunity for growth, improved health conditions and hope for a better future. We expect to see:

- 10+ New Job Opportunities for Nation members, including on-the-job training
- Improved household water quality for rural Nation members
- Increased sovereignty for our Nation through the ability to look after our own water and wastewater systems and advocate for the necessary funding for Canada to fulfill Treaty obligations related to water

Questions?  
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