

PUBLIC WORKS

Making the tough jobs look easy and doing the dirty work so you don't have to!!



***Fort William
First Nation***

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Public Works Department plays a vital role in maintaining, improving, and building Fort William First Nation's infrastructure and community spaces. The department supports day-to-day operations while also contributing to long-term community development.

Public Works responsibilities include:

- Garbage and recycling collection and scheduling
- Road maintenance, grading, snow removal, and drainage
- Equipment operation and maintenance
- Building and grounds upkeep
- Support for community events and emergency On-Call

Through hands-on work and collaboration, Public Works helps ensure safe, functional, and welcoming spaces for all members.



Road Maintenance & Infrastructure



Road maintenance is a major responsibility of Public Works and requires ongoing attention throughout the year.

This includes:

- Grading and maintaining gravel roads
- Pothole repairs and surface upkeep
- Drainage maintenance to prevent flooding and washouts
- Clearing debris and hazards from roadways
- Seasonal preparation for freeze/thaw cycles
- During winter months, Public Works ensures:
 - Snow plowing and sanding
 - Safe access for emergency vehicles
 - Walkability and access to community buildings
- Road work is often reactive and time-sensitive, requiring staff to respond quickly to changing conditions.



Winter Operations & Snow Plowing

During winter months, Public Works staff are on call to respond to snowfall and hazardous conditions.

Winter responsibilities include:

- Snow plowing and sanding of community roads
- Ensuring access for emergency vehicles
- Clearing access to community buildings

Snow plowing for Elders' driveways to ensure safe access

Snow removal often requires early mornings, overnight work, and extended hours to ensure the community remains accessible and safe.



Behind the Scenes: The Work You Don't Always See



Public Works staff are the first to respond when something breaks, freezes, floods, or fails. From clearing roads during storms to responding to urgent infrastructure issues, the team ensures the community can function day to day.

Our mechanics play a critical role by:

- Maintaining and repairing trucks, heavy equipment, and tools
- Ensuring vehicles are safe, reliable, and ready for daily operations
- Reducing downtime so services like garbage pickup and road maintenance continue without interruption
- Without this behind-the-scenes work, essential services would come to a halt.



Garbage Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Mountain Road | Back Street Road | Chippewa Trailer Park | Mountain Road | Back Street Road |
| Chippewa Road | Mission Road | Arena | Chippewa Road | Mission Road |
| City Road | Squaw Bay Road | Community Centre | City Road | Squaw Bay Road |
| Anemki Drive | Arena | Office Buildings | Anemki Drive | Arena |
| Lynx Court | Community Centre | | Lynx Court | Community Centre |
| Fox Court | Office Buildings | | Fox Court | Office Buildings |
| Wolf Court | | | Wolf Court | |
| Wolf Street | | | Wolf Street | |
| Little Lake Crescent | | | Little Lake Crescent | |
| Arena | | | Arena | |
| Community Centre | | | Community Centre | |
| Office Buildings | | | Office Buildings | |



Building Our Community

Public Works is more than maintenance — it is about **building community**.

Last summer, Public Works staff worked tirelessly to complete the **new playground installation in Squaw Bay**. This project required planning, coordination, physical labour, and long hours, all with the goal of creating a safe and welcoming space for children and families.

The completion of the playground reflects:

- Dedication and teamwork from staff
- Commitment to enhancing community spaces
- Pride in creating places where families can gather, play, and connect

Projects like this highlight the important behind-the-scenes work Public Works does to improve quality of life across the community.



Some photos throughout the years

