



Okanagan Indian Band

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RECOVERY UPDATE

September 23, 2021

OKIB IR#1 Tree Assessments

The Recovery Environment Team will be out walking Band and CP lands to assess fire impacted trees for potential removal starting September 27th. All trees on CP lands will be marked for removal with paint. The process for removing trees on CP lands will include:

- Engagement with CP Holder
- Permission to remove tree
- Instruction for firewood use where applicable
- This process will be communicated post assessment

If you have any questions, please contact recoveryenvironment@okanagan.org or call 236-600-0159 ext 1013.

Fridge and Freezer Replacements for OKIB Band Members

The Recovery Team can replace one fridge and one freezer per band member household. We are working with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to determine if more than one appliance will be eligible and if they agree, what that criteria will be. The rates that ISC will replace the appliances are:

1. Fridges - \$800
2. Freezers - \$500

We received the list of fridges and freezers removed by RAM Environmental from OKIB IR#1. The replacement of these one fridge and/or one freezer for Band members will be based on the list we received from RAM Environmental. We are in the process of getting approval from ISC to replace the appliances and getting the replacements ordered. The Recovery Team will contact OKIB band members on the list once the appliances arrive.

If you have replaced your appliance and you kept your receipt you are able to be reimbursed to the maximum allowable amount of up to \$800 for a fridge and \$500 for a freezer once we have approval from ISC.

Any questions contact the Recovery Team at 236-600-0159 ext. 1013

Recovery Team Seeking Qualified Workers

The Recovery Team is creating a list of qualified OKIB trades people for future opportunities during construction and renovation projects to work with the Recovery Housing Team and contractors.

The opportunities include:

- Trades Carpenter
- Electrician
- Plumbing
- General labourers
- Red Seal is preferred but if you are an apprentice please apply.

Please send a resume with you experience, certifications, and contact information, and when you are available to work to Al Loke, Recovery Section Chief recoveryhousing@okanagan.org