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GEOHERMAL TRADES TRAINING PROGRAM

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Peguis First Nation is proud to begin the process of training 15 local band members to participate in the *Geothermal Trades Training Program*. This program is a community partnership involving Peguis Band, C.P. Construction L.P, Peguis Training & Employment, Public Works, and also Peguis Housing. The 5-week training program, which begins today, will consist of installation and maintenance of geothermal for 50 units within Peguis First Nation and 50 units within Fisher River Cree Nation. Successful completion of this training program may lead to a long-term employment opportunity for individuals.

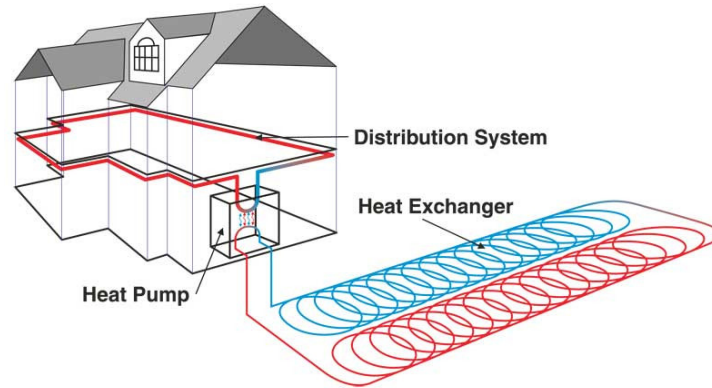
The selected candidates are:

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| 1) Kris Favel | 9) Gerald Thomas |
| 2) Les Daniels Jr. | 10) Irvin McPherson |
| 3) Cory Manningway | 11) Jeremy Thompson |
| 4) Chad Sutherland | 12) Jared Parisian |
| 5) Derek Bear | 13) Thomas Wilson |
| 6) Cory Thordarson | 14) Harvey Thordarson |
| 7) Vince Sutherland | 15) Cody Thomas |
| 8) Trevor McPherson | |

The PAYS Geothermal Pilot Program is being recognized internationally as a first of its kind. The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs housing department has been working with industry partners including Manitoba Hydro to test alternative energy sources for First Nations housing. Peguis First Nation and Fisher River Cree Nation were selected as the communities for the feasibility study that will see up to 100 homes being heated by geothermal energy. The project is being made possible by the Government of Manitoba's New Energy Savings Act, which allows Manitoba Hydro to finance energy efficiency and ground source heat pump projects that have acceptable paybacks.

“C.P. Construction is pleased to be part of this pilot project that will benefit the community of Peguis in so many positive ways,” said Glen Cochrane, General Manager of C.P. Construction L.P., *“It also gives our local members the opportunity to expand their horizons as far as employment goes, seeing this project is recognized*

internationally.”



Peguis First Nation annually spends approximately \$2 million in hydro subsidies and payments for social and subsidized housing.

“This project brings several benefits to our housing plans which the Housing Board has been working on,” said Chief Glenn Hudson. *“The project dovetails with our housing policy which is based on sustainability in terms of the environment and fiscal responsibility. Not only is geothermal energy environmentally friendly, but it will result in heat cost savings that will amount to millions of dollars over the longer term.”*

Geothermal heat pump systems are energy efficient and environmentally friendly. They use the earth's renewable energy to heat or cool your home.

Geothermal technology provides the following benefits:

- Lower annual heating costs (*up to 70 per cent*);
- Reduced environmental impact from lower energy consumption;
- Increased comfort and proven reliability.

Upon completion, C.P. Construction L.P. will be fully certified to install and maintain geothermal homes.

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