

# Tallcree Tribal Government

JANUARY- MARCH 2014

## Dog Owners

Dogs running around the community have once again become an issue. If you are a dog owner, have a dog or many dogs and you are unable to care for them, we have a few solutions available. We have a few phone numbers for animal rescue places in Alberta:

~**Northern Spirit K9 Rescue**

780-456-2544

~**Sundance K9 Rescue**

780-987-0482

780-960-4733

780-850-6726

~**Scars Rescue**

780-675-3018

**Colleen Stanners** that works out of the Health Centre has offered to collect the dogs.

If you are interested in having your dog spayed or neutered, we are working with the veterinarians to have it done for a low cost for dog owners.

If a dog is starving or not on a leash within the community it will be collected and rescued then placed up for adoption. Our community of Tallcree has been through a tragedy once already with a small child and a pack of dogs, we do not want to see this happen ever again. Our last resort unfortunately would be having the dogs put down, if a dog owner does not start taking responsibility for their dog. Chief and council have passed a BCR on September 24, 2013, making Responsible Dog Ownership a Bylaw on our reserves. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the band office.

We do need to discuss at the next community meeting the issue of responsible dog ownership. Dogs are starving and are starting form packs. This is dangerous and requires serious solutions.

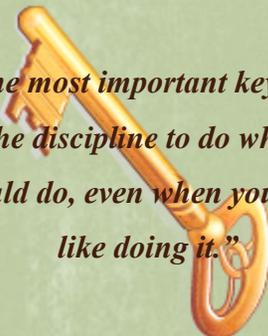
*"ALL animals, especially human kind's 'best friend', have the right to live without fear and abuse"*

## Home Owners

Public Works is having issues with mop strings plugging up the sewers and the liftstations in South Tallcree and North Tallcree. To prevent the backups, all home owners are asked to not put mop water with mop strings down the drains. These mop strings become entangled in the submersible pumps causing them to fail. These pumps cost \$3,500 to repair and \$7,500 replace. When these liftstations go down due to pump failure, it can cost between \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00 to either repair or replace pumps and wages and expenses to run the vacuum truck for several days. There is also a risk for damage to sewer lines and homes if the back-up is severe. This impacts our ability to do repairs to homes.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Chief and Council agree that Community Meetings are important to gain community perspective and hear community concerns. However, after that last meeting, it was also agreed that there needs to be more structure to the meetings and as such, the next community meeting in North Tallcree will have an agenda that will be circulated prior to the meeting. It will also be found on our website at [www.tallcreefirstnation.ca](http://www.tallcreefirstnation.ca).



*“One of the most important keys to success is having the discipline to do what you know you should do, even when you don’t feel like doing it.”*

*~Unknown*

## Power Outages

On January 15<sup>th</sup> we experienced a power outage that left us without power for over 2 days. Here are some tips to be prepared in case it happens again.

- Ensure you have flashlights with extra batteries
- Know how to shut off your water valves to keep pipes from freezing.

During the outage:

- Wear a hat to keep in most of your body heat
- Wear layers of clothing
- Check everything that is plugged in and have them unplugged before the power is restored

After an Outage:

- Be cautious if you go outside in case of hanging wires
- Do not touch anything power lines are touching, like fences or trees

Most important: stay safe.

# Tallcree Wildland News

~ Keith Badger

June 1, 2014 marks the 15 year Anniversary of the incorporation of Tallcree Wildland Firefighters Inc. The upcoming Fire Season begins March 1, 2014. Tallcree Wildland was awarded an additional Firetack Contract.

Tallcree will now have three base crews. The new contracts will be signed off prior to the new fire season. The new contracts replace our old contracts that only had 62 day minimum length to 93 day minimum length.

That means we will be able to guarantee employment for Base Crew Members of 4 – 5 months. We will have additional crews beyond our Base Crew as all the other years.

Tallcree Wildland is also looking to train new Firetack members. There are sign-up sheets at most of Tallcree's Public Buildings. The Band Office is the best place to sign-up. We will be training 6 new members. The training takes place at Portage College in Lac La Biche.

The course starts April 28 to May 17, 2014.

This will be the last year that we will be providing Firetack Training as the Government (Forestry AESRD) will now provide recruiting and training. We will still provide Safety Tickets renewal and training of new recruits as Forestry will only provide Fire Training not the Safety Certificates needed for Firetack.

New for this year there will be no more Type 1 & Type 2 designation. There still will be a difference as the old Type 2 which used to be Type 3 will be used primarily for sustained fire suppression. There will be a chance for experienced Type 2 firefighters being grandfathered into the old Type 1 program.

Forestry will be the one who decides who will move up or be required to gain more experience as a sustained Firefighter.

*"I am thankful for all of those who said NO to me. It's because of them I'm doing it myself."*

~Albert Einstein

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## Upcoming Events

March 27 ~ 29 ~ Truth & Reconciliation Conference

March 27 ~ EDUCATION DAY



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