



# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL PROJECT

(NIFSC)

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## IFMO Project becomes NIFSC Project

Through engagement and national dialogue, the Indigenous Fire Marshal Office (IFMO) project has been refined to the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC) project to better capture the full scope of the organization. IFMO was initially selected as an interim name to help define the organization. The future NIFSC organization is envisioned to consist of three main operating components:

1. The Indigenous Fire Marshal Service.
2. The Indigenous Fire Safety Research Centre.
3. The National Indigenous Public Safety Training Centre/College.

## From Consultation to Delivery: The NIFSC Project Moves Forward

In 2019/20, the main effort of the NIFSC project was to consult and engage with fire safety experts, community members, and stakeholders on the role and mandate of the project. Clarifying the requirements of the project allowed the focus to shift to program development and delivery.

In this new phase, a team consisting of project delivery and fire safety experts will be assembled. The NIFSC project team will continue to reach out to stakeholders to seek feedback on programs as they are developed and delivered to ensure that the desired results are achieved.

The NIFSC project aims to begin delivering programs as soon as they are ready. While the ongoing COVID-19 crisis will alter some of the planned activities, remote work, such as telephone-based Fire Department and Home Safety Assessments, will commence. Delivery of other programs will take place when appropriate. One important early deliverable will be the National Incident Database, which will capture key information to optimize service delivery to maximize fire safety.

## The NIFSC Project Team

The newly named National Indigenous Fire Safety Council project team is organized into three main delivery streams:

- **Program Delivery:** develop and deliver community fire safety and capacity development programs, with ongoing advice from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
- **Research:** assist in the detailed definition of programs and services, and conduct analyses of fire safety data to support program evaluation and improvement.
- **Corporate Development:** work with the Government of Canada and National Indigenous Organizations to establish the NIFSC as an independent, Indigenous-run organization that is mandated to improve fire safety for Indigenous Peoples and communities across the country.

The Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada (AFAC), with the advice of the National Advisory Committee (NAC), provides oversight to ensure that the project delivers on the requirements that were identified in the consultation and engagement phase that took place in 2019.

## Introducing the new NIFSC Project Manager

John Langen joins AFAC as the new NIFSC project manager. He brings considerable project management experience gained during his 35 years in the Canadian Armed Forces (retired at the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel) and Department of National Defence. He currently resides in Victoria, BC with his wife Michelle Adkins, LLB, Haida of Old Masset Village.





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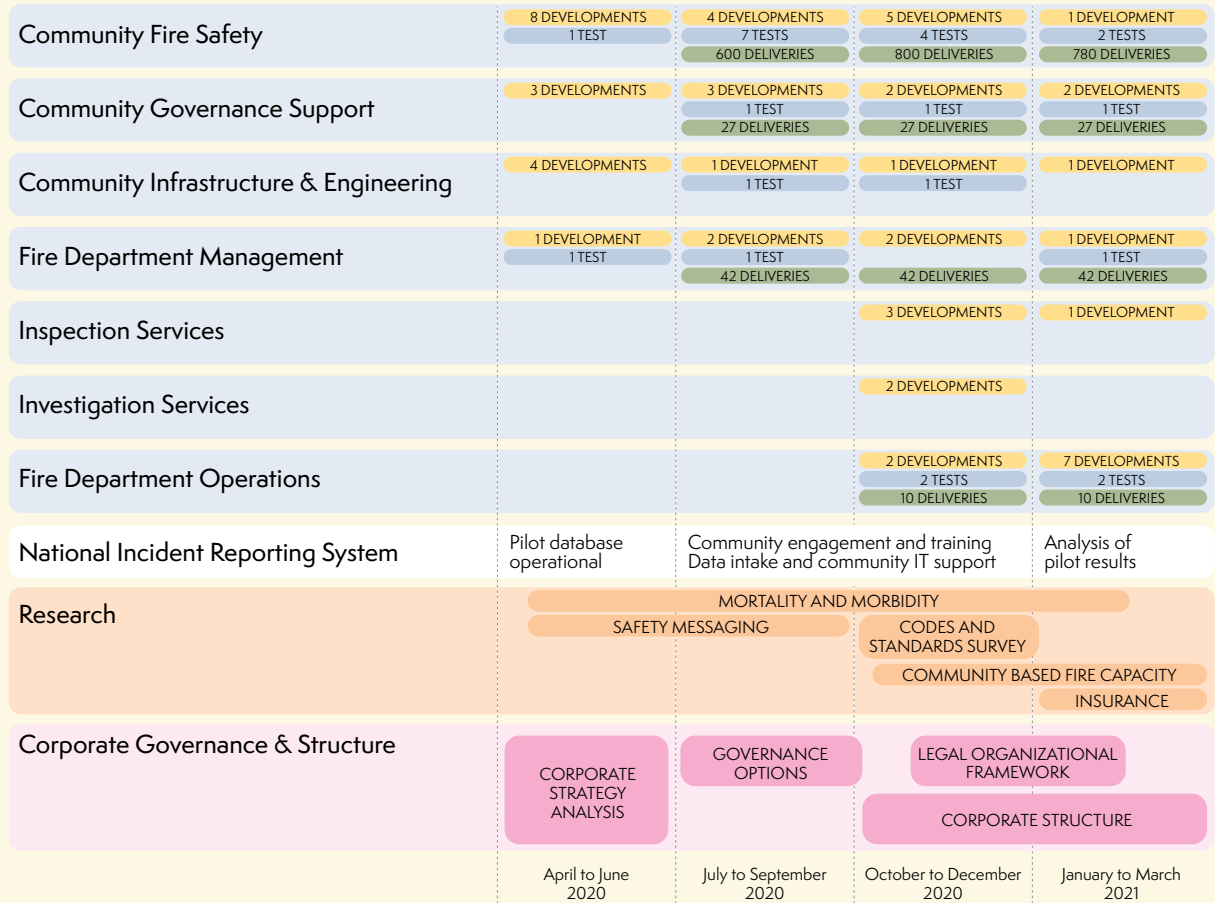
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## Overall High Level Project Plan

- Program Development
- Program Testing
- Individual Delivery

Note: Schedule is subject to change to respond to community requests for services.



## National Indigenous Fire Safety Council Project

