



FORT SEVERN FIRST NATION

2020 HOUSING RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENT

Perched on the edge of Hudson Bay, Fort Severn First Nation is Ontario's northern most community. In recent years climate change has had an enormous impact on the community and surrounding environment. Just a few short

years ago permafrost was stable at approximately four feet below the surface. Today, the permafrost has receded to almost twelve feet below the surface. This drastic change has had many significant effects, including severe structural damage to home foundations during the yearly freeze-thaw cycle.

Through the support of Indigenous Services Canada Budget 2016 funding, Fort Severn implemented the use of the innovative Triodetic Building System. Utilizing this system Fort Severn has constructed new duplex houses that are able to withstand the changing permafrost and maintain a stable foundation. While this new technology has allowed Fort Severn to build safe new housing, the community remains concerned about the environmental impact of climate change and is determined to take steps to protect their traditional lands for future generations.

For their achievements in innovative housing Fort Severn First Nations is being awarded Community Housing Recognition Award for 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORT SEVERN FIRST NATION!

