

INNEC CONNECTION

MANAGERS REPORT

I hope everyone has had a fantastic May and all are enjoying this crazy warm weather we are having!!

2016 is shaping up to be a fairly busy summer for the crew here at INNEC.

In July we have a crew from INTEC Services Inc. coming out. With these folks we will be inspecting all of our old power poles for rot. This involves digging out around every power pole to a depth of 16 inches. They will then take a core sample from various locations in the power pole and check for type of wood and condition of the wood. The holes will then be filled with a chemical preservative and plugged. Most of our power poles are in excess of 35 years old and it is time to have a close look at them before they start tipping over in a strong wind. If we do have rotten poles there are ways to patch or splice them without having to replace them as long as they are not too far gone.

The INNEC crew will also be doing a lot of brush clearing on our right-of-ways this summer. It seems as our summers get warmer, the brush grows faster. We will keep the brush cutting going to help keep these ROW's clear in case of a line fault especially in the winter.

The INNEC Board of Directors had a special meeting on April 11 and voted to sign contract with Alaska Power and Communications to begin another phase of underground power line replacement. This decision was not undertaken lightly and in fact there was a lot of serious thought and discussion that took place.

Our original power line is now 35 years old and had a 20 year life expectancy when it was plowed into the ground. We have known for a long time that we were at some point in time going to have to begin replacing more of this old line. After the January line fault and seeing the shape of this line, the replacement discussion became much more urgent.

Beginning this year and extending to 2020 we will be replacing almost all of the underground primary power line in Iliamna and from East Wind Lake switch to Harvey Anelon's driveway.

When we purchase the replacement power line we are also purchasing an extra 2 miles of primary line in conduit to ensure we have some for a couple of bad spots on the Nondalton run and we are also purchasing 30,000 feet of primary line to have on hand in case we lose a phase across 6 Mile Lake.

This project will ensure that we have stable lines in the ground for many years to come.

If anyone has any questions, all members are welcome at the regular board meetings and are also welcome to call or stop by any time.

Have a great June!!!

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Special Points of Interest

- If you have not received a bill by the 15th of every month please call and notify us.
- Payments are due the 21st of every month
- Late notices come out around the 12th of every month with disconnects for nonpayment following a week after the 21st Members with ampy meters be sure the plan ahead of time!
 INNEC HOURS Monday -

Friday 8 am - 5 pm



Mechanic Geoffry Park is tentatively scheduled to be here in Newhalen from August 8th to August 22nd. If you would like Geoffry to work on your vehicle please call the INNEC Office for more information.

Nikki and Ayla are currently updating the INNEC website, if anyone has any suggestions or ideas please don't hesitate to contact us, your help is very much appreciated. www.innelectric.com



The employee's of INNEC would like to thank Neal Otto for coming out to Newhalen to teach an excel class.





Volunteers working on the community garden!!! 5-24-16

<u>May Bread Basket Winner</u> Aggie Hobson