



“We don’t have a fire station as we’re still waiting for dollars to flow from the government - the government is still withholding that money from us,” said Goodwin. “We also don’t have any fire trucks because we don’t have anywhere to house them.”

An inquest by the Office of the Chief Coroner into the death of Ricardo Wesley and James Goodwin was to begin in Cochrane, Ontario on October 20, 2008 but has been postponed to a future date due to the discovery that the creation of the jury rolls in northern Ontario may not be in compliance with the Juries Act. It is expected that the inquest will address the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Ricardo Wesley and James Goodwin as well as address the threat of fire in remote First Nations communities and the need for adequate firefighting and fire prevention services.

NAN and Kashechewan First Nation are working to set up a charitable account to assist the Wesley family.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is an Aboriginal political organization representing 49 First Nation communities within James Bay Treaty 9 and Ontario First Nations part of Treaty 5 – an area spanning two-thirds of Ontario.

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