



## TRUST UPDATE

TRUST MEETING JULY 4, 2013

Chief Big Canoe opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

She reported that based upon the suggestions received from the membership at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chief and Council had decided to use the Coldwater Trust Revenues as follows:

1. Subsidize the cost of Post-Secondary Education	\$241,000.00
2. Economic Development	\$100,000.00
3. New Learning Centre Feasibility Study	\$147,000.00
4. Williams Treaty Legal Costs	\$520,550.00
5. Huronia Lookout Icon Project	\$ 32,650.00
6. Road Improvements	Costs yet to be determined

She explained that Chief and Council had engaged Kelvin Jamieson to do the engineering study for the road to determine the ditching, grading, and specifications for the work to be done to ensure the road will be done correctly and last for an extended period of time. His work will allow the Council to both determine the cost of the project and the scope of the work. As most road building companies have already tendered and signed contracts for this work season, it is expected that it will be next spring before any major work can commence on our project. This will allow time for the engineering report and the proper tendering of the work. In the interim, the roads department is patching the existing road as best as they can to reduce the danger to vehicles.

Chief Big Canoe then answered questions from the members on these projects.

Elwin Earle, the Band's Trust Officer, then explained, to the members present, the process for applying for the Annual Distribution which is set out in the Trust Agreement (Schedule "C"). He reviewed the attached documents and reminded members, that to qualify for the \$1000.00 per member payment, their application had to be received by the Band Office by the close of business on October 15, 2013. This means that new members will have to have their Status Card and have applied for Band Membership by August 15<sup>th</sup>. (to allow the 90 day posting period to pass before the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. He also reviewed the difference between adult applications and "minor applications" and the different issues around custody/guardianship for minors. He also reminded members that for the purposes of the Trust, minors are defined as any member 18 years of age or younger. This means that anyone who has not reached 19 years of age by October 15<sup>th</sup> is a minor and their parent(s)/guardian must sign the application on their behalf. If members have questions or concerns about the application process they can contact either Elwin Earle or Sylvia McCue at the Band Office

He also reminded members that the payments will be to each member, regardless of age. Payments to minors will be in their name so they will need a bank account in order to receive the direct deposit or cash the draft. To facilitate this, the Band has made arrangements for the TD Bank to attend the First Nation on August 7<sup>th</sup> to open accounts for members (adult or minor) If members have questions regarding what identification is required they can contact him at the Band Office.

Also as outlined on the attached update, The Band has arranged for the direct deposit of the Annual Distribution to any Canadian Bank account in the member's name. To get the Annual Distribution direct deposited, the member will need to provide the Band Office with a Direct Deposit form duly completed by their Financial Institution when they make application for the payment. If the Direct Deposit method is not chosen, then drafts will be prepared for the payments.

Again, if members have any questions or concerns, please contact Elwin Earle or Sylvia McCue at the Band Office. ([elwin.earle@georginaisland.com](mailto:elwin.earle@georginaisland.com) or [sylvia.mccue@georginaisland.com](mailto:sylvia.mccue@georginaisland.com))