



MINUTES OF TRUST MEETING

JUNE 18, 2015

Chief Big Canoe welcomed the members present and thanked them for attending the meeting.

She then updated them on the situation with the water. The Water Techs were able to flush the system which resulted in the test results returning to the safe level, however more testing is required. Chief and Council have decided to keep the community on the Boil Water Advisory as a precaution. The Chief also reported that both the Federal and Provincial Governments have been responsive to our funding requests but have not yet given any formal approval.

Trust Officer, Elwin Earle reviewed the Trust Revenue Budget ([link](#)) with the members and pointed out that when we had the previous meeting we failed to allow for the ongoing Williams Treaty Legal Costs in the planning and thus when the final budget was done, there was less money for the roads, culture and no new building for the landfill site this year. In the questions following the presentation, it was asked why there were not more monies for the Homemakers program and Councillor Pat Big Canoe pointed out that the funds allotted from Coldwater are in addition to those received from AANDC and that this was the first year that any funds from Coldwater were allotted for this program.

Chief Big Canoe updated the members on the progress in the Williams Treaty legal action. We have now had decisions in our favour on all actions brought by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and by Canada. While we have been successful, there has been a cost in terms of legal fees and we have been warned that these may increase as we continue the action in court.

Trust Officer, Elwin Earle, reviewed the application process for this year's Annual Distribution and highlighted the fact that the deadline for application is the close of business on October 15th and that the Trust Deed does not allow the processing of late applications. He urged everyone present to ensure their applications are received in time and to encourage their family members to do so as well. This year, if the automatic deposit option is selected then we need a new automated deposit form from the member's bank as we had numerous returns last year as the accounts had been closed. There were questions with regards to the impact on Canada Works Payments from this Distribution and from the Aboriginal Law Office advised that there may be something her office can do to challenge Ontario Works interpretation of this. We will follow up on this strategy.

- Attached to these minutes are:
 1. Instructions for this year's applications ([link](#))
 2. 1 Adult Application ([link](#))
 3. 1 Minor Application ([link](#))

If more forms are required, **photocopy the ones attached before completing** them. The forms are also available on the member section of the Band's Website, via email, or by calling the Band Office. For all members that we have email addresses they will be emailed out. For everyone else they will go out by regular mail. They can be faxed, emailed or mailed back to the Band Office so long as we receive them by the deadline.

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