

NOTICE
COLDWATER VOTE DELAYED

Settlement Agreement has not been completed. The First Nations and Canada have been working to finalize a Settlement Agreement that will accurately set out the terms of settlement of the Claim. The substantial work that has taken place includes numerous full table negotiation meetings for ongoing negotiations on the terms of the Settlement Agreement, working group drafting meetings between the lawyers, preliminary drafting of the necessary information package and ratification materials and analysis of legal and other issues that have arisen during the drafting of the Settlement Agreement.

Canada's legal has taken a leave of absence of 1 month for health reasons; therefore, leaving us at a standstill until their return to office in January. Due to the complexity of negotiations Canada is not bringing another legal representative to the table.

Attached to this notice is a paper outlining the clear steps that need to be addressed leading up to ratification stage and the ratification process.

Please do not hesitate to contact Chief and Council or our Community Consultation worker at the Band Office (705) 437-1337 for questions or clarification.

A meeting will be scheduled in the New Year, hopefully to present the completed Draft Settlement Agreement and announce the new Vote date. Mail outs and postings will be sent out to notify the membership of the dates for community meetings.

Miigwetch From Chief and Council, Chippewas of Georgina Island

APPENDIX
Coldwater Narrows Claim
Steps Remaining
December 14, 2011

Estimated¹ Timeframe	Responsibility	Item
Dec	NRCAN	Complete mapping of selection areas
Dec	NRCAN	Legal description of selection areas
Dec	All lawyers	Confirm correctness of mapping of surrender area
Dec	All lawyers	Confirm correctness of legal description of surrender area
Dec	AANDC Region	Confirm wording change to provisions drafted by lawyers about residual Crown interests
Dec-Jan	AANDC RDG	Respond to Chiefs' letter about surplus federal Crown lands
Dec-Jan	All lawyers	Re-drafting of advice certificates (schedule to settlement agreement)
Early Jan	All lawyers	Develop wording for provisions about surplus federal Crown lands (if applicable)
Jan 13	All lawyers	Drafting meeting to finalize lawyers' draft settlement agreement wording and collect all pieces together
Late Jan	All lawyers	Advise clients about lawyers' draft settlement agreement
Late Jan	All Parties	Consider lawyers advice and decide about authorizing initialing of the settlement agreement
End Jan	All Parties	Initialing of the settlement agreement
Early Feb	AANDC Elections Staff	Preparing materials initiating process: BCR requesting referendum & appointment of Deputy Electoral Officer
Early Feb	All lawyers	Review materials initiating process: BCR requesting referendum & appointment of Deputy Electoral Officer
Early Feb	First Nation Councils	Pass BCR requesting referendum & appointment of Deputy Electoral Officer
Early Feb	AANDC Elections Staff	Appoint Deputy Electoral Officers

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Early Feb	AANDC Elections Staff	Prepare required materials for mail-out: Notice of Referendum, ballot, ballot declarations, letter from electoral officer, surrender, instructions to elector
Early Feb	All lawyers	Review required materials for mail-out: Notice of Referendum, ballot, ballot declarations, letter from electoral officer, surrender, instructions to elector
Early Feb	First Nations lawyers and communications staff	Prepare confidential materials for mail-out: summary and advice about settlement agreement, summary and advice about trust agreement, letter from Chief
Early Feb	AANDC or First Nations Membership Staff (GI)	Finalization of Voters' list
Mid Feb	First Nations Elections staff	Copy materials, post on reserve and mail out package off-reserve: Notice of Referendum, ballot, ballot declarations, letter from electoral officer, surrender, instructions to elector, summary and advice about settlement agreement, summary and advice about trust agreement, letter from Chief, settlement agreement, trust agreement.
Early March	First Nation Councils, lawyers, and AANDC Elections Staff	Information meetings for each reserve and some for off-reserve.
End March	First Nations Elections staff	Vote

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