



WILLIAMS TREATIES FIRST NATIONS

JUNE 23, 2018

**WILLIAMS TREATIES FIRST NATIONS
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
RATIFICATION VOTE**

TO: MEMBERS
FROM: CHIEF AND COUNCIL
RE: UNOFFICIAL RATIFICATION VOTE RESULTS

Congratulations, the Williams Treaties First Nations Settlement Agreement has been approved by the electors of the seven First Nations!

The results are considered unofficial pending the confirmation and submission of final ratification vote report by the Ratification Officer which we will receive within 10 days after the ratification vote and post in accordance with the Ratification Protocol.

The ratification of the Settlement Agreement marks a historic achievement for the Williams Treaties First Nations. On behalf of our ancestors, our current and future members we are hopeful that the negotiated resolution of our grievances associated with the making, negotiations, terms, interpretation and implementation of the 1923 Treaty provides an important first step in establishing ourselves as Treaty people with recognized Treaty rights, providing the legal entitlement to add lands to our reserves and providing the financial compensation that should have been provided 95 years ago.

As noted to you at your community meetings and as provided in the Settlement Agreement at Articles 21, 12 and 11, the Agreement remains confidential until it is executed by the First Nations, Ontario and Canada which will occur following the signing of the Agreement by your Chiefs and Councils, Ontario and Canada. We will continue to keep you updated on the status of finalization of the process.

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