

Notice to beneficiaries of the Robinson Huron Treaty

You and your First Nation may be affected by a Court decision that returned \$487 million in lawyers' fees to the Robinson Huron Treaty **Litigation Fund** 

On October 28, 2025, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice reduced the legal fees that the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund ("RHTLF") paid its lawyers from \$510 million to \$23 million. The Court found that the lawyers' fees were neither fair, nor reasonable.

Together with fees paid earlier, the lawyers will receive a total of approximately \$40 million. However, the court directed that \$487 million, plus interest, be returned to the RHTLF, to be dealt with as proceeds from the settlement reached with Canada and Ontario.

A copy of the Court's decision can be found at bit.ly/3LSkxgN

The lawyers have indicated that they will appeal the Court's decision, but that they will **not** be seeking a stay to pause the distribution of \$487 million, plus interest, as settlement proceeds.

As a result, the funds returned to the RHTLF will be distributed as those funds become available, as though they were part of the proceeds of the settlement reached with Canada and Ontario.

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