

MEDIA ADVISORY

Sudbury, Ontario – The Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuity Case Phase 2 Decision was released by Madam Justice Hennessey on Friday, June 26, 2020. Her decision rejects the Crown defenses of Crown immunity and that the Treaty claim is barred by the statute of limitations. The decision again encourages settlement rather than litigation:

This century old dispute between the federal and provincial Crowns is one of the reasons why no increase has been made to the annuities for over 150 years. This delay has had enormous negative consequences for the plaintiffs, not the least of which is the cost and complications of litigating this dispute based on two centuries of evidence. It is the stage on which this dispute plays out.

The Phase 2 decision also affirms that the Treaty is not merely a contract, rather that “Treaties are part of the constitutional fabric of this country.” Despite repeated efforts by the Robinson-Huron Litigation Management Committee and Legal Counsel to get Ontario and Canada to engage in fully mandated negotiations, both Ontario and Canada have failed to respond adequately.

The Robinson-Huron Treaty leadership will be conducting a webex based Press Conference according to the details below.

EVENT DETAILS

What: Phase 2 Decision Release Press Conference

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 10:00 am

Location: Via webex invite

Who: RHT Trust Spokespersons: Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Chief Dean Sayers and other Robinson-Huron leaders will be available for interviews. Legal Counsel will also be available

Contact Information

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