



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

Atikameksheng
Anishnawbek

Aundeck Omni
Kaning

Batchewana
First Nation

Dokis First Nation

Henvey Inlet
First Nation

M'Chigeeng
First Nation

Magnetawan
First Nation

Mississauga
First Nation

Nipissing
First Nation

Ojibways of
Garden River

Sagamok
Anishnawbek

Serpent River
First Nation

Shawanaga
First Nation

Sheguiandah
First Nation

Sheshegwaning
First Nation

Thessalon
First Nation

Wahnapiatae
First Nation

Wasauksing
First Nation

Whitefish River
First Nation

Wiikwemkoong
Unceded Territory

Zhiibaahaasing
First Nation

April 27, 2026

STATEMENT

Disruptive Behaviour at Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) Chiefs and Trustees Meeting

Sudbury, ON: During a 2-day meeting of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund – RHTLF – Chiefs and Trustees in Sudbury, ON, on April 23 & 24, 2026, a group of individuals pushed their way into the confidential leadership meeting. Despite respectfully explaining to the group that the meeting is for RHTLF leadership specifically - *due to discussions about highly sensitive legal and confidential matters* – the group refused to leave. Chiefs and Trustees proceeded to allow the group to have time on the agenda to share their concerns and comments. In their presentation, spokespeople from the group made significant personal and professional defamatory comments and accusations against Chiefs, Trustees and legal counsel while, at the same time, presenting outright inaccurate information. Leadership followed up asking questions and clarifications from the group. This led to more of a heated debate. Following this, as the group was leaving, in an aggressive tone, one of the individuals issued a threat that they will continue to show up future RHTLF Chiefs and Trustees meetings to continue to voice their concerns.

Furthermore, the group members had their mobile devices in their hands and were recording the interactions with the Chiefs, Trustees and the administration team members – *without asking permission to record them*. The group proceeded to then share their recordings, along with further personal and professional defamatory statements, across social media pages.

The Litigation Management Committee of the RHTLF, while respecting people's rights to stand up for what they believe, continue to stand firm on the meeting protocols and processes of the RHTLF Chiefs and Trustees meetings. LMC members are also standing firm that such disruptive behaviour, verbal and physical violence will NOT be tolerated at any meetings.

Individuals who have approached RHTLF, Chiefs, Trustees, Legal Team and administrative support with such negative behaviours, tones and actions claim that WE are not following the 7 Grand Father teachings. However, it is those who verbally and even physically attack others who are the ones not doing so – most notably not following the teachings of Respect and Truth.

The RHTLF (RHT Chiefs & Trustees) has a mandate to pursue negotiations and/or litigation on the annuity augmentation of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. Past annuity compensation has already been achieved through the \$10-billion RHT Settlement Agreement. The RHTLF must now continue to negotiate with Canada and Ontario to augment future annuities – the goal being to increase the collective annuity to be paid to the Chiefs and their tribes as may be appropriate relating to the resource revenues generated from the RHT territory.

To do this, the Chiefs, Trustees and legal team MUST meet on a regular basis to update progress on this as well discuss other relevant matters impacting this annuity augmentation negotiation process.

This means discussions amongst the Chiefs, Trustees and legal team, that involve actual or potential litigation or confidential information, is *not intended for public disclosure* since it may prejudice the legal interests of the RHTLF or RHT beneficiary collective interests.

In these discussions, we may at times, invite experts or others to attend to provide presentations in the effort to assist Chiefs and Trustees with further insights and information so they can make well-informed decisions on behalf of their communities and people – the RHT Anishinaabek. It's the RHT Anishinaabek who elected their Chiefs and Councils, to make decisions on their behalf. On this point, it needs to be reminded that the RHTLF and RHT First Nation leadership implemented extensive territory-wide engagements with RHT beneficiaries, on and off-reserve, to talk about collective needs and interests within the communities and territory and individual per capita options from the Settlement. This was facilitated in 2023 and 2024. The RHTLF Legal Team also hosted annuity augmentation in-person information sessions across the territory in 2025.

Information and updates continue to be shared when available.

We are committed to sharing information with RHT band members in a manner that offers equal access to all RHT band members. As such, we are working to continuously improve our communications strategy for the sharing of timely and relevant information to RHT band members. To this point, the discussions have been focused on process, not substantive matters. There will be some level of engagement with the communities about the go forward negotiations.

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