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Treaty Gathering and Settlement Ceremony Update

Tomorrow, the Robinson Huron First Nations will hold a ceremony and media event on the final day of 2023 Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering at the GFL Memorial Garden to commemorate the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. This event celebrates the progress towards the proposed settlement in the Robinson Huron annuities case and will mark the close of the Treaty Gathering.

Late last week, the First Nations Councils and Trustees approved the Settlement Agreement in accordance with the Robinson Huron Litigation Trust Fund Indenture. The Trust Indenture and its Compensation Disbursement Agreement were approved unanimously by the 21 First Nations in 2010 and 2012.

We will complete the Robinson-Huron Anishinabek approval process through ceremony and commemorate a major milestone in the process of renewing our nation-to-nation relationship that is rooted in mutual respect, cooperation and partnership. Community members will join Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund leadership and Ministers from the Governments of Canada and Ontario in the celebration.

In 2012, the 21 Robinson Huron First Nations initiated litigation against the Crown in right of Canada and Ontario for violating the promise in the Treaty to augment the annuity if resource wealth generated in the Treaty territory enabled the government to do so without incurring a loss. After Anishinaabe wins in the Ontario Superior Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal, Canada and Ontario and have been working with the Robinson Huron First Nations at the negotiation table to find common ground for resolving the annuities case outside of the courts. In June, representatives for the parties announced the proposed settlement to resolve claims related to past annuities, which includes a total settlement of \$10 billion for past compensation.

The proposed settlement will not be final until it is approved by all parties and the claim for past compensation has been discontinued on consent of the parties and by order of the Ontario Superior Court. The governments of Canada and Ontario are continuing to complete their own internal processes to seek approval to sign the proposed settlement. We hope to have the proposed settlement finalized later in the Fall but an exact date has not been determined yet. These processes are not expected to change the terms of the proposed settlement in any way.

After the settlement is finalized and approved by all parties, the compensation will be distributed to the leadership of the Robinson Huron First Nations based on a distribution agreement voted on and adopted by the 21 Robinson Huron First Nation Chiefs and Councils in 2012.



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The current compensation agreement is for past annuities from 1850 until the present. This is compensation that should have been paid to our nations and our ancestors many years ago – including many who are no longer with us.

Since every community has different needs and priorities, each First Nation will meet with their own community members at a local level to decide how the funds for collective benefit should be used. With this settlement, First Nations want to come together to carefully consider what a proper distribution should be so individuals can prosper and what is the share to be held at the community level for all of our benefit. Plaintiffs, Chiefs and Trustees will receive the same amount that individual beneficiaries get from the proposed settlement.

We will provide an update on the next stage of community engagement on settlement implementation in the near future, so please check our website and your First Nation social media and website for more information.