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ROBINSON HURON TREATY UPDATE AUGUST 9, 2024

The Litigation Management Committee (LMC) met last night to approve the release of the RHT funds to the 21 First Nations that are ready for the distribution. For your information, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (AOKFN) has met all obligations of the trust. It is anticipated that the funds will be distributed to the band members that met the criteria on **Monday, August 12, 2024**.

As posted yesterday, the Finance department are completing the distribution through batches electronically into individual AOKFN member's bank accounts that have submitted all documents required. If you are just submitting your information, you will be on a third batch and so forth.

It is important to note that abusive language to AOKFN staff will not be tolerated or accepted by phone or in person. There is no need for negative behavior but the ability to have patience.

As an LMC member and a plaintiff in the RHT case, I am very proud to have participated in the Robinson Huron Treaty case over the past fourteen (14) years as the Chief of AOKFN. A lot of hard work and a huge win for our 21 First Nations.

Important to Note

The RHT case has significant effect and affirms the treaty rights of the 21 First Nations involved, recognizing their entitlement to increased annuities from the Crown and acknowledges the importance of fulfilling treaty obligations.

The RHT settlement marked a step forward in the ongoing efforts to uphold Indigenous rights, and honor the agreements made in treaties. It highlighted the need for reconciliation and paved the way for improved relations between Indigenous peoples and the government.

In the future, the Traditional Advisors to the LMC will be attending each 21 First Nation communities with the RHT Eagle Staff. These sessions will reiterate the importance of the 1850 Treaty and provide information moving forward.

It is anticipated with the RHT money being distributed that there will be increased Elders abuse, increases drugs and dealers, child welfare issues, and the list goes on. It is important that you keep your money safe like in a bank. It is important that you look after your vulnerable family/friends and their well-being. More importantly, that you report suspicious activity to the UCCM Police at 705-377-7135.

"A community grows when its members sow seeds of kindness"

Chief Patsy Corbiere

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation