

RATH & COMPANY

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August 24, 2017

Dear Band Member:

Re: Treaty #8 Agricultural Benefits Settlement

In June of 2017, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation voted on a Treaty 8 Agricultural Settlement Agreement and Declaration of Trust. The vote was ratified at the end of June and the documentation, executed by your Chief and Council, was forwarded to the Government of Canada for approval and payment.

We do not know the exact date Canada will forward the settlement funds, however, in the interest of ensuring that we are prepared for the transparent and efficient disbursement of these funds upon receipt, please review the information provided in this document, select the payment option that is most appropriate for you, and provide the necessary information, where necessary.

The steps leading to disbursement of funds are set out below:

1. Band members are notified of the cheque collection process on a best efforts basis; this Information Package, posting at Band Office, and at www.sturgeonlake.ca.
2. Band Membership list is certified by Chief and Council:
 - a. If you are unsure if you or your family members (including Minors) are on the Band Membership list, please confirm this with Western Cree Tribal Council, Ernestine Goodswimmer, at 780-524-5978.
3. Funds are received from the Government of Canada (date unknown at this time).
4. Members who are over 18 will receive payment. Band Members who are Minors will receive notification of funds being deposited into Minors' Trust.

As noted above, we are not aware of a specific date that settlement funds will be received. We will post a notice on the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation website when the disbursement process will commence.

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There are three options for the receipt of payment:

- Option 1: Cheque Pick-Up by Band Member
- Option 2: Deposit of Cheque into Band Member's Bank account
- Option 3: Delivery of Cheque by Courier or Registered Mail

Please note that Band Members who provide instructions to either deliver or deposit cheques will **not** be able to pick up a cheque until the original cheque has either been returned from the bank or returned by the courier.

PLEASE REVIEW EACH OPTION AND CHOOSE HOW YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT. PLEASE NOTE: the Documentation to be provided for Options 2 and 3 must be originals. Emails, copies, scans, or faxes will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 1-866-231-7284.

Yours very truly,

RATH & COMPANY



Jeffrey R. W. Rath
Barrister & Solicitor

Attachments

Option 1: Cheque Pick-Up by Band Members

Each Band Member will be permitted to pick up their own cheque ONLY.

If a Band Member is unable to pick up their cheque in person, arrangements must be made for the funds to be received by another method in advance of distribution.

This includes cheques for adults in care or the Estates of Beneficiaries (minors and adults) alive at June 29, 2017, but deceased prior to distribution. In these circumstances, all appropriate documentation must be provided and approved in advance of disbursement and will include necessary Powers of Attorney and Legal Guardianship documentation. In the case of Estates, Probate documents will be required.

Band Members will be able to pick up cheques in the following locations on different dates (dates will be provided later):

- Calgary, AB
- Dawson Creek, BC
- Edmonton, AB
- Grande Prairie, AB
- High Level, AB
- Sturgeon Lake, AB – Community Centre
- Valleyview, AB

In order to pick up their cheque, the Band Member is required to complete the form marked Option 1 Form Band Member Declaration for Pickup of Cheque and to provide two pieces of valid original government issued identification. At minimum, one of them must contain a current photo of the Band Member (status/treaty card, driver's licence, passport or similar record).

Copies of this form will also be available at the pick up location.

If you intend to pick up your cheque in person, do not submit any forms. Bring the Option 1 Declaration with you to the pick up location, or complete the Declaration on site.

OPTION 1 FORM

**BAND MEMBER DECLARATION FOR PICKUP OF
CHEQUE**

TO BE COMPLETED BY BAND MEMBER:

Name:	
Date of birth:	Status Number:
Home Address:	
Phone:	
Occupation(s):	

I hereby declare that I am _____ and that I have received my payment.

Signature of Band Member

TO BE COMPLETED BY RATH & COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE:

Type and number of the identifying document provided by the Band Member. For example; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drivers Licence - #AAB26895409,• Status Card - #123456789 The identifying document must consist of valid original government issued identification, including a treaty/status card, driver's license, birth certificate, passport or similar record.	
Type:	Number:

Printed name of Verifier

Signature of Verifier

Date

Option 2: Cheque Deposit Request

If the Band Member is unable to pick-up their cheque in person, the Band Member may request to have the cheque deposited into their bank account. To facilitate a deposit, the Band Member must provide an original Band Member Payment Deposit Request Declaration and Guarantor Declaration.

Please note:

- A personalized cheque, marked void, or preprinted direct deposit form, stamped by the Bank, must be attached to the Declaration.
- Prior to executing the Declaration, the Guarantor will require you to present identification documents; Status card, driver's licence, government ID card, in order to properly swear the Declaration.
 - A photocopy of the identification presented to the Guarantor must be attached to the Declaration.
- Those individuals who qualify to act as a Guarantor are set out at the bottom of the form.

**OPTION 2 FORM BAND MEMBER PAYMENT DEPOSIT REQUEST
DECLARATION**

Name:		
Date of birth:	Status Number:	
Home Street Address:		
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Occupation(s):	

I hereby declare that I, _____ (print name of Band Member), request my payment from the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Treaty 8 Agricultural settlement be deposited to the following bank account:

- Personalized Cheque marked void or Deposit slip signed by Band Member attached to this form
- Preprinted Direct deposit form stamped by bank and signed by Band Member attached to this form.

I swear that the information in this form is correct.

Signature of Band Member

GUARANTOR DECLARATION

I confirm the person completing and signing the Band Member Declaration is the person whose name is set out in this form.

Name of Guarantor:	Telephone number:
Profession of Guarantor *:	Professional Registration #:
Address of Guarantor:	
Type and number of the identifying document provided by the Band Member. For example; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers Licence - #AAB26895409, • Status Card - #123456789 The identifying document must be a form of valid original government issued identification, including a treaty/status card, driver's license, birth certificate, passport or similar record.	
Type:	Number:
Type:	Number:

I, _____, swear that the information in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and the information provided to me.

Date

Signature of Guarantor

**guarantor must be a person employed in one of the following occupations in Canada: (a) dentist; (b) medical doctor; (c) chiropractor; (d) judge; (e) magistrate; (f) lawyer; (g) notary (in Quebec); (h) notary public; (i) optometrist; (j) pharmacist; (k) professional accountant (APA [Accredited Public Accountant], CA [Chartered Accountant], CGA [Certified General Accountant], CMA [Certified Management Accountant], PA [Public Accountant] or RPA [Registered Public Accountant]); (l) professional engineer (P.Eng. [Professional Engineer, in a province other than Quebec] or Eng. [Engineer, in Quebec]); (m) veterinarian; (n) peace officer; (o) paralegal licensee in Ontario; (p) nurse; or (q) school principal.*

Option 3: Cheque Delivery Request

If the Band Member is unable to pick-up the cheque in person, the Band Member may request to have the cheque delivered to an address of their choosing. To facilitate the delivery, the Band Member must provide an original Band Member Payment Delivery Request Declaration and Guarantor Declaration.

Please note:

- Prior to executing the Declaration, the Guarantor will require you to present identification documents; Status card, driver's licence, government ID card, in order to properly swear the Declaration.
 - A photocopy of the identification presented to the Guarantor must be attached to the Declaration.
- Those individuals who qualify to act as a Guarantor are set out at the bottom of the form.

**OPTION 3 FORM BAND MEMBER PAYMENT DELIVERY REQUEST
DECLARATION**

Name:		
Date of birth:	Status Number:	
Home Street Address:		
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Occupation(s):	

I hereby declare that I _____ (print name of Band Member), request my payment from the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Treaty 8 Agricultural settlement be delivered to the following address:

- Send to home address as listed above Send to address provided in table below

Name of Company (if not couriered to a residence):		
Street Address:		
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:

I swear the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Band Member

GUARANTOR DECLARATION

I confirm the person completing and signing the Band Member Declaration is the person whose name is set out in the form.

Name of Guarantor:	Telephone number:
Profession of Guarantor:	Professional Registration #:
Address of Guarantor:	
<p>Type and number of the identifying document provided by the Band Member. For example;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers Licence - #AAB26895409, Status Card - #123456789 <p>The identifying document must be a form of valid original government issued identification, including a treaty/status card, driver's license, birth certificate, passport or similar record.</p>	
Type:	Number:
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I, _____, swear that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and the information provided to me.

Signature of Guarantor

Date

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