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Membership
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation
Box 757
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Dear Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Members:

Re: Agricultural Benefits Settlement

On June 29, 2017, the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation executed a Ratification Vote regarding the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Agricultural Benefits Settlement. The Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Membership Voter turnout was 72.7% (1719 Voted of 2365 Eligible Voters) and 97.3% (1672 Voters) of those ballots cast, voted **In Favour** of the Settlement Agreement and Trust Agreement developed by the Chief and Council and Rath & Company in consultation with the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Membership at 6 separate Band Membership General Meetings.

The Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Chief and Council have given effect to the decision of the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Membership by fully executing the Agricultural Benefits Claim Settlement Agreement and Trust Agreement as required by the regulations set out by the Government of Canada. The documents have been forwarded by courier to Ottawa for final review and processing.

The process will include having an Order in Council by the Government of Canada passed to allow the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs to sign the Settlement Agreement and direction of the Government of Canada to pay the Compensation Balance to the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Trust Account for 100% per capita distribution to the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Members and for investment on behalf of the minor members in accordance with the terms of the investment trust, in compliance with the Settlement Agreement. The process for funds to be released from Ottawa is currently underway.

Rath & Company has recently met with the Prime Minister's Office who have agreed to do everything they can to get the settlement funds released as fast as the system in Ottawa will allow.

By date of this letter, we cannot provide an exact date as to when cheques will be issued. Rest assured that our office is doing everything that it can to have funds available as quickly as possible.

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At this time, we would like to reassure the membership that all funds will be paid 100% to the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Members directly after legal fees and **without** the Chief and Council and the Band Administration having control of these funds at any given time.

While we remain engaged in ensuring the funds are released from Ottawa, we are working with the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Band Membership Office (Western Cree Tribal Council) to finalize the list of certified beneficiaries as of June 29, 2017 as listed in the Settlement Agreement. As soon as this list is finalized, we will be able to calculate the total per capita benefit per Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Band Member, which we will communicate to the Membership as soon as this figure is available.

For parents or legal guardians who may have any questions or concerns with regard to the Minors' Trust or the details for the Trust Agreement, please do not hesitate to contact our office toll free at 1-866-231-7284 and ask to speak directly with Jeffrey Rath who will be pleased to answer all of your questions in this regard.

Yours truly,

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