

UPDATE
AGRICULTURAL BENEFITS TREATY RIGHT
STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION BAND MEMBERS
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We continue to follow up with INAC about the payment of settlement funds. Last week we reported that the Orders in Council have been issued, however the Minister has yet to sign the Settlement Agreement. This morning we received the following information.

INAC received the Orders in Council on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. They have inserted the Orders in Council into the briefing material, and signed them. The NBU (which manages the INAC Settlement Fund) signed them. The Director signed them, and the Director-General signed them.

By Wednesday morning, December 13, 2017, the briefing material was in the CFO sector, where they go through 2-3 layers of review and approval before sign-off by the Chief Financial Officer. By Wednesday INAC had briefed the CFO, the Minister's Office, the Deputy Minister's Office and the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister's office of the progress of the settlement and the urgency. The Minister was leaving for travel and the Christmas holiday at Thursday noon, December 14, 2017. It was not possible to get the documents through all the layers of review in the CFO, then the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, the Deputy Minister and the Minister before she left.

As the settlement agreement needs to be signed in original, people are now exploring how to get them to the Minister at her home, and get them returned. Then INAC can process payment, which also involves several signatures and effort.

This is the latest information available. We continue to follow up.

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