



COMMUNITY RELEASE

Canada has not signed Settlement Agreement—delay in payment

April 21, 2015 (Listuguj, Gespe'gewa'gi) –The Government of Canada has informed LMG that they have not yet signed the Settlement Agreement.

“Chief and Council are extremely disappointed with this news,” said Chief Scott Martin. “We have been working in good faith, on the word of Canada that they planned to sign the Agreement in early April. We have now been told that Canada hopes to sign the agreement in the next week or so. We want our members to be aware that this delay is not due to Chief and Council.”

Chief Martin and Jeff Basque, Settlement Agreement Coordinator and former Senior Negotiator, met with Canada on April 17 to express LMG’s concern and displeasure at this delay. Chief Martin also sent a strongly worded letter to the government of Canada to remind them of their commitments to finalize this Settlement Agreement.

With the delay in signing, this means the “Effective Date” has yet to be determined. It also means that the cutoff date, which Chief and Council set for 30 days after the “Effective Date”, will also be extended.

To be clear: in a previous community release, LMG indicated that the cutoff date for Listuguj members to be on the band list was set at April 30, 2015. This was because LMG had been assured that Canada would sign the agreement ‘in early April.’ The cutoff date will now be extended, based on 30 days from the date Canada signs the Settlement Agreement.

Chief and Council would like to remind all individuals (including parents of newborns) who want to be considered Listuguj members for the purposes of receiving a Per Capita Distribution (PCD) from this Settlement Agreement, to file their paperwork and follow up with their membership applications as soon as possible.

Please contact Gino Clement at the LMG office regarding your pending application.

Once Canada signs the Settlement Agreement, more information will follow.

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