

# BEAVER LAKE CREE NATION TOPGAS & OMAC SETTLEMENT

Information to Members

## SETTLEMENT INFORMATION

### SETTLEMENT BACKGROUND

On Dec 21, 2019, Beaver Lake Cree Nation (BLCN) and the Governments of Canada signed a TOPGAS and OMAC Settlement Agreement. The settlement was approved through a Band Council Resolution with no community vote. In Jan 2020 BLCN received \$2,974,794 as compensation, from the settlement BLCN paid \$203,362.62 in legal fees for the negotiations of the claim.

### PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT FUNDS

From the \$2,771,431.38 remaining claim amount, BLCN intends to use the funds in two ways, a per capita distribution to registered members as a per capita distribution and on infrastructure spending.

- BLCN will distribute \$2 million to its registered members. Approximately \$1500/ member. **\*\*\*this number will depend on the final count of eligible members**
- We are anticipating approx. 1100 plus members.
- *If any more monies are allotted they will be payable throughout next fiscal quarter which is April-June 2023.*
- BLCN has spent \$700,000 on infrastructure spending.

For common questions regarding the per capita distribution please see page 2.

If any members have additional questions, they may contact Jolene Anderson @ 780-623-4549, Or email [jolene@blcn.ca](mailto:jolene@blcn.ca).

### INFRASTRUCUTRE SPENDING

BLCN Spent \$700,000 from the settlement claim on community infrastructure needs.

: Cost of Gravel and upgrade of BLCN owned Roads.

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### Q & A'S

#### WHO QUALIFIES FOR PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION?

Anyone is who a registered Band Member of BLCN as of Dec 21, 2019. BCLN is a section 11 controlled Nation, band membership is dictated by the Indian Act and Band Membership List is controlled by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

#### HOW AND WHEN WILL THE FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED?

At first the funds will be distributed as a onetime payment and issued as soon as completed forms are in. Expected date of first payment is March 31,2023.

Any funds left owing will be distributed during April – June 2023.

Once forms are in, we expect Cheques to be picked up in person by March 31,2023 & Mailed out March 31,2023.

This will be a process, forms and documentation must be completed properly.

#### **NO THIRD-PARTY PICKUP.**

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THE FORMS?

You will need 2 of the following;

Certificate of Indian Status, Birth Certificate, Health Care, Driver's License, and/or Government ID. You will also need proof that you are guardian/parent of minor Children.

#### I AM CURRENTLY RECEIVING INCOME ASSISTANCE; WILL A PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION MAKE ME INELIGIBLE?

A member can receive cash in the form of gifts up to \$900/ calendar year under the current Social Assistance Policy. The onus is on the Client to report to Income Assistant Director.

#### MY FAMILY MEMBER IS INCARCERATED, WILL THEY BE ELIGIBLE?

Yes, will be at the discretion of the member if they wish to use or gift the funds.

#### DO I HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION?

A registered member, as of Dec 21, 2019, only needs to fill out forms and drop off in person, or mail or email.

[reception@blcn.ca](mailto:reception@blcn.ca) or

Box 960 Lac La Biche, Alberta T0A-2C0

#### WILL CHILDREN QUALIFY FOR PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION?

Yes, children must be registered members of BLCN as of Dec 21,2019. Funds for minor Children will be distributed to parent/guardian with appropriate documentation.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF I OWE A DEBT TO THE NATION?

The debt (*Gas utility, maintenance utility, loan*) owed to the Nation will be deducted from the settlement amount. The member will receive the remaining amount.

#### MY FAMILY MEMBER HAS PASSED SINCE THE SETTLEMENT DATE WHAT HAPPENS TO THEIR DISTRIBUTION?

Members who have passed between the settlement date (Dec 21, 2019) would have been removed from the band list and therefore not eligible for a per capita distribution.

#### CAN I RECEIVE MY DISTRIBUTION IN CASH?

No, for security and tracking purposes distribution will be made via cheque only.