

March 27, 2023

TOP GAS SPECIFIC CLAIM SETTLEMENT BRIEFING



OVERVIEW

On March 24, 2023, Chief and Council approved, for distribution, approximately \$2 million to the Beaver Lake Cree Nation (Nation) membership from the settlement of the TOP GAS Specific Claim.

In total, there was **\$2.77 million** to distribute:

While we wanted to maximize distribution to Nation members, we also needed to spend \$700k of the settlement (about 25%) on urgent community needs:

- We had to repair Cardinal Drive, because it was not safe for the school bus or the water trucks. We wanted to make sure that families living on that road can send their children to school safely, and get water, and to do that, the road needed to be fixed (see addendum 1).
- We also needed to undertake urgent repairs to the Spruce Point Road and resort. A new playground was also built for safety reasons, community-use, and adds capital appreciation to the resort (see addendum 1).

The remainder is being distributed to the Nation members per the survey results.

SURVEY RESULTS

Nation members were asked in June 2022 by completing a priorities feedback survey how they would like to see the TOP GAS settlement allocated. The **top three** priorities were:

- 1. Distribution to Members, and**
- 2. Housing, and**
- 3. Support for Off-Reserve Members.**

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MEMBER DISTRIBUTION

Based on that survey and what we heard from Nation members, the decision was to distribute most of the settlement. Organizing distribution took a long time, as we had to finalize the band list; decide how to deal with issues such as distribution to

children in care and deceased members; and plan for distribution. The plan was finalized in late March and the disbursement is now taking place, as promised.

STRATEGIC PLAN

We know that the survey identified many other areas of need such as housing, education, employment, and more. We recently completed a strategic plan to help address the needs you identified and are going to use all available dollars to meet those needs.

Thank you,

Administration
Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Treaty No. 6

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