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Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation
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Attention: Chief and Council

Dear Chief and Council:

Re: RRAFN Agricultural Benefits Claim
File No.: 81-001

I have been requested to provide an update on the status of this claim for the purposes of keeping the members informed.

The claim relates to the Crown's failure to fulfill the treaty agricultural benefits owed to the First Nation under the terms of Treaty 1 (commonly referred to as a cows and ploughs claim). The treaty benefits include, amongst other things, agricultural implements and tools, buggies, farm animals and livestock, seed wheat, potatoes and garden seeds.

Joan Holmes & Associates were retained and prepared a *Treaty One Benefits Report*, and Adam Touet and myself prepared a Claim Submission, which was approved by the RRAFN Council in August 2023 and the Claim Submission was submitted to the Specific Claims Branch on October 10, 2023, for processing under Canada's Specific Claims Policy.

Canada had 6 months from October 10, 2023 to assess whether the Claim Submission met Canada's Minimum Standards to officially file the claim. A letter, dated April 29, 2024, was sent to Chief Gary Roberts from the Director General of the Specific Claims Branch, Stephan Mediation, advising that the claim submission met the Minimum Standards and that the claim was officially filed with the Minister on March 4, 2024.

The claim submission will now undergo a review process by the Specific Claims Branch to determine whether the claim will be accepted for negotiations. Canada now has 3 years from March 4, 2024 (to March 3, 2027) to advise RRAFN if the claim will be accepted for negotiations.

Should you or the members have any question or wish to discuss please don't hesitate to contact Adam or myself.

Yours truly,

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