



WITHOUT PREJUDICE

April 29, 2024

Chief Gary Roberts
Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation
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Dear Chief Roberts,

I am writing to advise you that the early review of the Treaty 1 Agricultural Benefits claim submission, which was received from the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation on October 10, 2023, has been completed. It has been determined that the claim submission meets the Minimum Standard established by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations pursuant to the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act* and which is set out in *The Specific Claims Policy and Process Guide*. The claim was filed with the Minister on March 4, 2024, and will now undergo a review process.

The review process involves historical research and legal analysis. Please note that documents found in the course of our historical research will be shared with you. As well, we will reach out to you if we are faced with an evidentiary gap or need to clarify our understanding of certain aspects of the claim. Once the review is completed, a recommendation will be made to the Minister as to whether or not to enter into negotiations. As per timelines set out in the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act*, Canada will provide you with a response within three years of the date on which the claim was filed.

We are committed to an open dialogue throughout the process. Therefore, if you have questions on our process or wish to discuss your claim, please do not hesitate to contact Marie-Laurence Daigle, Research and Assessment at marie-laurence.daigle@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nihal Sherif". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Nihal Sherif for Stefan Matiation
Director General
Specific Claims Branch
Resolution and Partnerships Sector

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