

RRAFN Questions & Comments from Workshop –

Cows & Ploughs

GROUP 1:

1. How much will we receive and when?
2. What do law firms receive?
3. Does Leadership receive anything?
4. Will we lose our treaty if we agree?
5. Extinguishment Policy: for generations to come.
6. Extinguishment means that Treaty Right will be gone for good. Future generations will not have the Agricultural Treaty Right!!
7. When our future people register for this workshop Oct 10, 2024 is this being used as consent?
8. This info session only, not consent!!!

Glenice S, Eli A, Molly L, Ernie L, Dennis M, Arnold S, Dolly S, Clifford F, Thelma N

GROUP 2:

1. What our peoples future generation will lose?
2. Oxen for Chief
3. Boar & sow for Chief – male and female
4. A plow & harrow for cultivating land
5. Buggy to property of Indian who they give to for Chief and Councillors
6. Q: 160 acres for family of 5, is this included in the Cows and Ploughs extinguishment Treaty promises?
7. Carry the Kettle, Sask has warned bands across Canada, not to extinguish the Agricultural Article in Treaty 1876? Aug 3?
8. This is an Act of dishonor to our Ancestors who negotiated Treaty # signed August 3, 1871.

Edward H, Martha L, Lawrence H, Peter A, Melodie H

Group 3:

1. Don't want to lose our treaties.
2. ie: Our laws in 1871 (Roseau River)
3. Farm land was never compensated to our members
4. Is lawyer going to be here for meeting?
5. We want the treaties to remain the same as in 1871.
6. Will Treaties Land Expansion claim will be in Cows & Plows.
7. Our treaties never changed with inflation or retro pay?

Travis H, Helen H, Georgina M, Debbie A, Jamie A, Mary E, Virginia S, Grace H, Connie T

Group 4:

1. Should Roseau River have a Referendum on Cows and Plows?
2. How much is this going to affect our treaties?
3. How come we don't get our cows and plows when we sign for our treaty every year?
4. Are we going to lose our Treaty Rights if we sign some paper about this?
5. How much are the lawyers making off this?

Kim L, Barry S, Drake S, Rachel T, Tracy H, Marlene A

Group 5:

1. What do you have any questions & concerns: RE: Agricultural Treaty Benefits Claim
2. How will this claim affect future agriculture claims?
3. How will this payout be distributed, if settled? (minors)
4. Will accepting this settlement affect all treaty rights? (future)
5. Will this include members in other countries (USA etc)
6. What protection is on the once settlement and compensation?
7. Will there be per capita annual payments after initial distribution?
8. Who will be Trustees or Corporation? Elected or appointed?
9. Future payouts? Cut off date?
10. What % lawyer fees, where is it coming from?
11. What other benefits will we be entitled to? Land or Farm with titles to the land?
12. What happens if vote is "NO"? (can another claim be filed? (time frame?))

Judy T, Norman T, David T, Roger N, Nicole L, Randy T

Group 6:

1. On Treaty Promises it states "Settler" Why are we identified as settler rather than First Peoples, we are "not settlers".
2. In lieu of cows and plows what are we going to lose?
3. Explain "why animals and tools are government property" But are issued to our people for use. Why are they given? Are implements borrowed and after we use them give them back? We sounds like we don't own these!!!

Cheryl LJ, David S (deedee) Robert E, Alicia S, Ruby N, Melissa S, Chaarisma S, Darnel N, Youth Rennie S III

Questions from Others:

1. Can we get an annuity instead of a specific claim?
2. Will we lose our treaty if we decide to do this specific claim?
3. If the lawyer tells us no we wont lose our treaty to agricultural and this is not the best answer, is he/she held reliable for telling us no?
4. Why can't we just get compensation?
5. Why do we have to do a specific claim?
6. Can we scrap this submission and sue the government for even thinking of getting us to do this specific claim process?
7. Why is it we have to do this specific claim?
8. Why don't we receive "a cow and a plow" when we pick up our \$5 treaty annuity payment every year?
9. Why does Canada always try to push indigenous stuff aside?
10. Why can't we just get compensation because the government has short end cheated us?
11. Will we lose our treaty status?
12. What are we giving up for the offer? Because it is not explained?
13. What are you wanting us to give up and why isn't the lawyers telling us the truth?
14. This is the agreement with the Crown not Canada, why is Canada getting involved with there Canadian Law to tell us Indians to do this claim and not a compensation? They think we dumb little Indians. But we are strong tribal nations!

15. **The signing of treaties on August 3, 1871 was with the British Crown not with the Canadian Government who is trying to use their Canadian legal system to try to pursue us Nation people to do a “specific claim”, which we will lose our treaty on agricultural. Why do we have to do that. Why can’t we just file to get COMPENSATION for the breeching of our treaties!!! Doesn’t this sound better? Annuity payments means this will continue but the specific claims means one-time payment and the agricultural is wiped off our treaties.**
16. Why does ISC have to give the lawyer \$120,000? Do we get this back and why we have to give this?
17. How much is the law firm getting if an agreement is settled?
18. What is it that we really loose if we do this settlement?
19. Do we have a chance to go back and re-settle again?
20. Is this a one-time deal?
21. Why can’t we get annuity compensation so that when we pick up our \$5 treaty payment that we get the agricultural payment as well?
22. Why can’t we increase or \$5 annuity payment to the standard of what it will be worth today? Because it cost a bus fare to the Forks and home more than \$5 so its not even worth picking up \$5.
23. Canada trying to breech this treaty right into a specific claim process, can’t we sue them for even bringing this to us?
24. **The treaties are made with two sovereign nations so these treaties 1-11 are based on theft, murder of a people and on stolen lands. Anything that is brought to the table from Canada is null and void because the treaties were made with the British Crown. Canada is nothing but a corporation (business) for the Crown. Canada is trying to make deals with us which is Treason.**
25. Where is the money coming from? Is it coming from our trust fund? Which is our money already, so where is our fund coming from to pay this settlement?
26. The government used our trust fund a long time ago to build buildings and infrasture in Canada and railroads, have they even paid us back?

27. These questions must be directed at our tribal members, not a lawyer. We must fully understand the terms of the settlement so that everyone knows exactly what we are getting into.
28. We only need to consult within our own community because any outside source is going to say whatever they need to in order to push forward the this settlement.