



April 30, 2026

Mistawasis Nêhiyawak Members:

**RE: Update on Agricultural Benefits Claims or “Cows and Plows”**

We write to provide you with an update about the Agricultural Benefits Claim, also known as the “Cows and Plows Claim”.

The Cows and Plows Claim is based on Canada’s breaches of its Treaty, fiduciary, trust and honourable obligations to fulfil the promises for the provision of agricultural benefits and instruction contained in Treaty No. 6.

- Mistawasis Nêhiyawak filed the Cows and Plows Claim on March 18, 2024.
- On February 5, 2025, Canada offered to negotiate a settlement of the Cows and Plows Claim. However, Canada had been refusing to meet or negotiate the settlement with Mistawasis Nêhiyawak.
- Chief and Council sent correspondence several times over the last year to both the Prime Minister’s office and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, urging them to come to the negotiation table.
- On April 24, 2026, Chief and Council instructed our legal counsel to send correspondence to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations indicating that if Canada continues to refuse to negotiate, the Nation will consider itself to be eligible to commence litigation with the Specific Claims Tribunal immediately.
- We are pleased to advise that on April 29, 2026, Canada’s negotiation team finally reached out to commence negotiations starting in May.

Now that negotiations are being commenced, we will ensure that Canada negotiates this claim in good faith. There is an accelerated resolution process for this claim and compensation is based on the same formula for all Nations in Treaty 4, 5 and 6. Our expectation is that this claim will be settled relatively quickly.


**Please note that we have not yet received any settlement funds. In order to accept any settlement of this claim, membership has to vote to accept the settlement which will be the subject of the negotiations with Canada.**

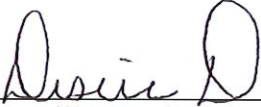
We will continue to keep membership updated on the progress of the Cows and Plows Claim. All members are encouraged to provide the Nation with updated contact and banking information as soon as possible.

The Cows and Plows Claim represents a historic opportunity to better our Nation and to create a bright future for our people. We strongly encourage you to ask questions so that you may be informed.

We look forward to your participation in these important decisions.

Sincerely,

  
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