



## **PFN-ABC Negotiation Status November 1, 2024**

Good Day to the Citizens of Pasqua First Nation. I would like to first advise that the Agriculture Benefits Claim (ABC) negotiations has been very tedious and frustrating. PFN Leadership's last update on September 4, 2024 informed that negotiations were completed and that PFN is waiting for Canada to initial the negotiation settlement agreement. Initialing the settlement agreement is not an easy process within the government of Canada. There are different federal departments that have to give approval to have the settlement agreement initialed. Before PFN can proceed to ratification, PFN needs to receive the final initialed settlement agreement back from Canada. **PFN Council are pleased to announce that we have now received the initialed settlement agreement and PFN has initialed and have sent the settlement agreement back to Canada.**

We anticipated that the initialed settlement agreement would have been done much sooner after September 4, 2024 unfortunately, this was not the case.

PFN was anticipating the ratification would be done and have ample time to proceed with a Per Capita Distribution (PCD) if the settlement agreement was accepted before the Holiday Season.

In order to accomplish a ratification vote to either accept or reject the settlement agreement and provide a PCD (if accepted) before the Holiday Season, PFN has now limited the meetings in the various cities.



PFN will be doing ratification meetings in Saskatoon, Regina and on Pasqua First Nation. Due to the length of time in receiving the initialed settlement agreement back from Canada, PFN cannot secure venues, hotels and flights to accommodate the various meetings prior to the Holiday Season.

### **PFN Next Steps**

- Secure a Ratification Firm to conduct the ratification vote process and procedures
- Develop the mail-out packages (1850 packages)
- Ratification Firm to develop a secured website that will have the mail-out packages
- Have ballots printed to be included in mail-out packages
- Develop an on-line registration platform so there can be on-line voting
- Develop process to register for on-line voting
- Develop live stream for ratification meetings

**\*\*\*Further Important Information will be posted\*\*\***

**PFN Leadership would like to thank all Pasqua Citizens for your patience. PFN Leadership apologizes for the time it has taken to have the Settlement Agreement initialed by Canada.**