



The Four Pillars Society

BAND REPARATIONS CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

GOTTFRIEDSON V. HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA (COURT FILE NO. T1542-12)

The Band Reparations Class Action

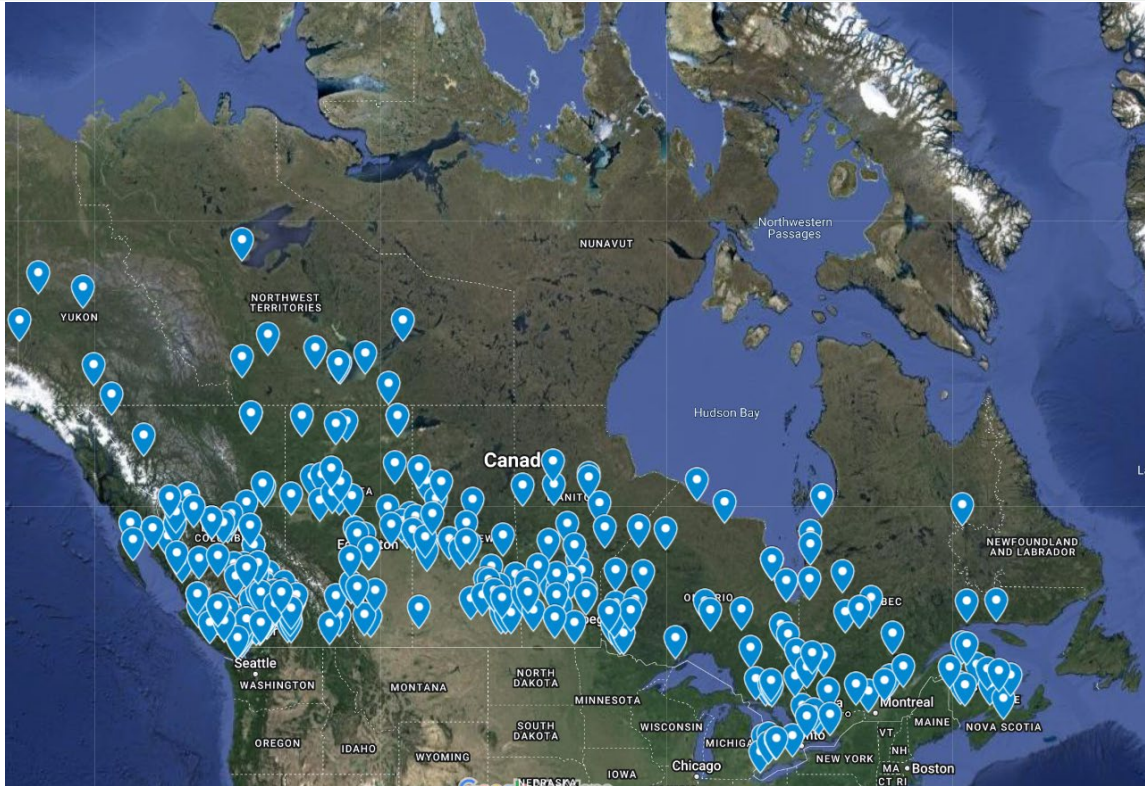
- The **Band Reparations Class Action** is a lawsuit against the **Government of Canada**.
- **Chief Shane Gottfriedson** on behalf of **Tk'Emlups Te Secwepemc Indian Band**
- This lawsuit is **not** about harms suffered by individual survivors who attended Indian Residential Schools.
- The lawsuit states the **Government of Canada** is responsible for collective harm suffered by **Indigenous communities** caused by the **Indian Residential School** system.
- This lawsuit was brought by representative plaintiff First Nations **Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc** and **shíshálh Nation**, with the support of the **Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)**.



History

- **May 8, 2006:** Canada entered into settlement agreement for individual residential school survivors for compensation for harms suffered.
- **August 15, 2012:** The **Gottfriedson lawsuit** was filed in Federal Court.
- **June 18, 2015:** The action was certified as a class; Survivor Class, Descendent Class and Band Class.
- **September 24, 2021:** Federal Court approved the **Day Scholar Survivor and Descendent Class**.
- **February 11, 2022:** Band Class claim was continued.

History



- **325 First Nations** named as **Representative Plaintiffs**.
- **In September 2022:** Settlement agreement was presented to the Federal Court.
- **February 27 and 28, 2023:** The settlement hearing was held in **Federal Court Vancouver**.
- **March 9, 2023:** The Federal Court approves the settlement agreement as being fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the class members.
- **May 9, 2023:** The appeal period expired with no action and the settlement can proceed to be satisfied.

Settlement Agreement

The key terms of the settlement agreement are:

- The **Government of Canada** will make a payment of **\$2.8 billion** (the “Fund”) to a Trust/Not-For-Profit (**The Four Pillars Society**) to fully and finally resolve the **Band Reparations Class Action**.
- The Trust/Not-For-Profit “**The Four Pillars Society**” (FPS) will be responsible for prudently investing the Fund and for distributing the Fund to the **325 Band Class Members to support the Four Pillar principles** in accordance with the Disbursement Policy.



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Disbursement Policy

- **Planning funds: \$200,000 for the purposes of developing a 5–10-year plan to carry out one or more of the objectives of the Four Pillars.**
- **Initial Kick-Start Funds: Upon receipt and review of a 5-year plan, the FPS will then disburse the **Initial Kick-Start Funds of \$400,000.****
- **Annual Entitlement: Each Band Class Member will receive a share of annual investment (adjusted for population and remoteness).**

\$200,000

- **Planning Funds**
(April 2024 Once banking info has been received)

\$400,000

- **Initial Kickstart Funds**
(June 30 2024 OR completion of 5-year plan)

\$708,000

- **Final Kickstart Funds**
(Submission of 5-year plan)

\$445,000

- **Annual Entitlement**
(2nd to 5th year)

Remaining Funds

- All monies that remain in the Fund after the payment of the **Planning Funds and Initial Kick-Start Funds** will be prudently invested by **The Four Pillars Society** in accordance with professional investment advice.
- The Fund will operate for a period of **20 years**.
- At the end of the 20-year life of the Fund, the remaining funds consisting of the capital of the Fund and any undisbursed investment income will be disbursed to the Class. **Each Band's share shall be equal to the Band's proportionate share of the remaining funds.**



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The Four Pillars

- Revival and protection of Indigenous **languages**;
- Revival and protection of Indigenous **cultures**;
- **Wellness** for Indigenous communities and their members;
- Promotion and protection of **heritage**.



Funding Requirements

- The entitlement funds can only be used for the Four Pillars initiatives.
- Develop a **5 to 10 year** proposal based on one, or all of the Four Pillars.
- Four Pillars funding **cannot** be used for:
 - Funding individuals;
 - Funding commercial ventures;
 - For collateral or to secure loans;
 - As a guarantee of funds.

Questions?





Pasqua Four Pillars Office

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Main Area (Entrance)

Artwork by Artists from Pasqua.



Main Area (Facing entrance)



Kitchenette

- Unfortunately, **not** a commercial kitchen.
- Cannot be used for cooking.
- Contains a sink, tea kettle, coffee machine, and refrigerator.



Boardroom

- 80" smart tv



Office 1

- Main office
- Window faces south/11th Avenue



Office 2



Office 3

- All furniture and appliances came with the office lease (purchased by Pasqua).
- Not shown is a **small server room, storage area, washroom area, and another room (100+/sqft)** which we will have access to May 1, 2025 (when Leipter Financial vacates 2nd floor).

Pasqua Four Pillars Office

- Accessible to Pasqua Band Members.
- Wifi, printer, and phones available.
- Will be used for small events, workshops, and meetings.
- As per current lease, and due limitation of facilities, cooking will **not** be allowed.
- Potential for rental of space/scheduled use.
- Space will be available for various other supports:
 - Status cards, post-secondary, social services, etc.



Consultation Highlights: 2023/24

- **Consultations** with Pasqua community members: **May, June, October of 2023, and April 2024.**
- Community consultations included: **elders & knowledge keepers, youth, parents, professionals, band management, and elected leadership.**
- The following **Vision Statements** for each pillar were provided by the community:

Vision Statement: LANGUAGE

Preserving our Saulteaux/Cree languages so that our future generations can benefit from the values, beliefs, rituals, songs, dances, spirituality, and social behaviours taught by them. A place where language is a part of our everyday life and is used and spoken within our families, by our children, and within our institutions.

Vision Statement: CULTURE

A future where we can all benefit from the traditional cultural teachings of the Elders, and from the preservation and practice of our traditional ceremonies & customs. We will pass on our traditional knowledge, values, cultural skills and practices to our children. We will prepare ourselves and our children to live in both the traditional Saulteaux/Cree world and as Canadian citizens.

Vision Statement: HERITAGE

We envision a community approach to heritage that is focused on engagement and participation where we discover our sense of self, place and community. Collecting and preserving our tangible heritage, such as: sacred sites, artefacts; and other culturally sensitive objects and exercising our traditions, ceremonies, histories and revitalizing our connection to the land

Vision Statement: **WELLNESS**

To live in a society of people who are balanced, resilient and who are spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically healthy. Fostering and promoting a healthy community where families, individuals, and children are happy community where whole person-centered care and services, illness prevention and health promotion, co-curricular learning opportunities, and public health leadership and expertise. are available to all in need

Guiding Principles & Core Values

With the **vision statements** in mind, the following guides decision making:

- The “Four Pillars” of Pasqua are its **people**.
- Programming opportunities are for the **benefit of all Pasqua members and their immediate families**.
- Pasqua First Nation members will be prioritized to **lead/facilitate projects, programming, and employment**.
- Four Pillars initiatives aim to **compliment & cooperate** with existing programs and services available at Pasqua.



Five Year Plan: Priorities & Special Projects

- In preparation for our 5-year plan, it was acknowledged that **LANGUAGE** and **WELLNESS** shall be prioritized.
- A **Language Researcher** and **Mental Health** Therapist be hired to lead these priorities.
- **Special Projects:**
 - **Saulteaux/English Signage:** Street/road signage for Pasqua reserve and all Pasqua owned businesses & facilities. **Pro Metal** has agreed to partner.
 - **Leisure & Cultural Centre:** There is particular need for leisure facilities, as well as construction of a cultural space with the capacity to store (and display) **repatriated historical artifacts**. This will be a multi-year research and fundraising effort. The area of Heritage could take priority in future years.



Five Year Plan: 2025/26

First Year – Breaking ground

- Along with hiring full-time **Language Researcher** and **Mental Health Therapist**, we will be contracting a **Graphic Designer** to assist in development and design of signage, teaching aids/learning packages, communications, etc.
 - Hire staff
 - Organizational/Policy Development
 - Begin providing Four Pillars workshops in both Regina and Pasqua.
 - Recording & Archiving Four Pillars initiatives (this contributes to Heritage).

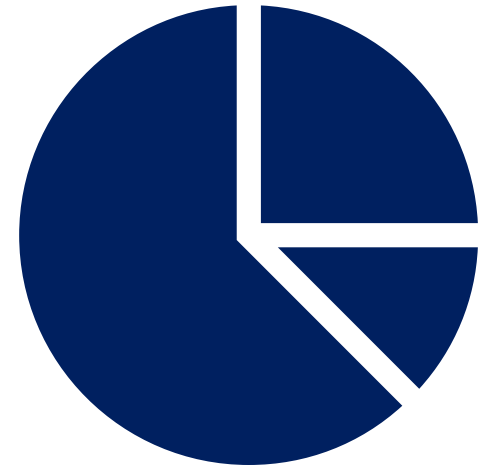


Five Year Plan: 2025/26

First Year – Breaking ground (cont'd)

Establish **regular annual funding** for:

- **Pasqua Traditional Pow Wow** (August 6-7, 2025)
- **Four Pillars Summer Camp** (July 2025, Asham's Beach)
- **Pasqua Garden**
- Creation of **post-secondary scholarship and bursaries** application processes.
- Creation of **"Language Nests"** at both Regina and Pasqua.



Five Year Plan: 2026/27

Second Year – Planting Seeds

- The second year will foster growth of the successes of the previous year.
- Programming will be refined to better suite needs of Pasqua Community.
- Website/on-line archive established.
- Teaching & learning packages developed.
- Language, Wellness, and Cultural programming ongoing.
- For Heritage, research into historical artifacts.
- Fundraising campaign for Cultural space (museum/gallery) and Leisure Centre.



Five Year Plan: 2027/28

Third Year – Nurturing Growth

- Language, Wellness, and Cultural programming ongoing.
- Website/on-line archive established.
- Saulteaux Language App. & dictionary underway.
- Teaching & learning packages developed.
- For Heritage, research into historical artifacts on-going.
- Fundraising campaign for Cultural space (museum/gallery) and Leisure Centre.



Five Year Plan: 2028/29

Fourth Year – Harvest

- Language, Wellness, Heritage, and Cultural programming ongoing.
- Construction of Cultural space (museum/gallery) and Leisure Centre(?)
- Begin Community Consultations to outline priorities for the next 5-years.



Five Year Plan: 2029/30

Fifth Year – Feast & Replenish

- Language, Wellness, Heritage, and Cultural programming ongoing.
- Construction of Cultural space (museum/gallery) and Leisure Centre (completed?)
- Community Consultations completed.
- Organizational development & strategic planning for the next 5-years begins.



Thank you

Pasqua Four Pillars Committee Members:

Bonnie Missens

Gerald Pascal

Draydin Cyr

Vanea Cyr

Sarah Ironeagle

Roman Pasqua

Murray Peigan

**We are looking for a Youth from the community to
join our committee.**

Questions?

