



February 21, 2024

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

First Nation Drinking Water Settlement Claim

The administrators of the First Nation Drinking Water Settlement have finally confirmed that the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, IR#2 qualifies as an impacted reserve eligible for the settlement. The claims must be submitted by the deadline of March 7, 2024, at 11:59 PM PST.

The eligibility timeframe spans from November 11, 2000, to June 20, 2021. Legislative restrictions determine compensation eligibility as follows: Individuals born on or after November 20, 1995, are eligible for compensation for the entire period (November 11, 2000, to June 20, 2021), while those born before this date can receive compensation from November 20, 2013, to June 20, 2021. Eligibility to apply is extended to any band member, whether from LTFN or another band, who resided in the IR#2 during the specified timeframe. However, residency alone does not confer eligibility to non-band members.

The Council is set to submit a Band Council Acceptance Resolution along with a Band Council Confirmation List (BCCL), aiming to include every eligible band member based on historical records. However, individuals are encouraged to file their own claims for Damages and/or Specified Injuries compensation. In any case, eligible members will be directly paid by the settlement administrators. If you have already applied, and awaiting a decision on your application, you do not have to apply again.

Assistance for completing applications will be provided as follows:

- **Northside:** At the Health Center, assistance is available from 9 AM to 12 PM and 1 PM to 3 PM daily until March 7, 2024. Contact Samantha Seymour at 250-617-1049.
- **Downtown:** At the Brunswick St office, assistance is available from 9 AM to 12 PM and 1 PM to 3 PM daily until March 7, 2024. Contact Barbara Allan at 778-675-2212.
- For Southside residents requiring transportation to one of those sites, please contact Wendy Jael at 778-675-6465.

Legal support is available via email at counsel@firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca or by calling the administrator toll-free at 1-833-252-4220, Monday to Friday, from 10 AM to 8 PM EST.

You are encouraged to visit <https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/help-support/faqs> to know more information. You can also contact our office for queries at 250-562-0847 during regular business hours.

Thank You

Chief and Council of Lheidli T'enneh