



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

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Dokis First Nation

Henvey Inlet

First Nation

M'Chigeeng

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First Nation

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Ojibways of

Garden River

Sagamok

Anishnawbek

Serpent River

First Nation

Shawanaga

First Nation

Sheguiandah

First Nation

Sheshegwaning

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Thessalon

First Nation

Wahnapiatae

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Whitefish River

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Unceded Territory

Zhiibaahaasing

First Nation

BY EMAIL

June 2, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney

Prime Minister of Canada

House of Commons

Ottawa, Canada

Dear Prime Minister Carney:

Re: Implementation of the Robinson Huron Treaty Promise to Augment the Annuities as Directed by Supreme Court of Canada decision in Restoule: "It is time for the parties to return to the council fire and rekindle the perpetual relationship that the Robinson Treaties envision."

It is an honour to welcome and congratulate you on becoming Prime Minister of the Government of Canada, the successor to our original Treaty partner, the British Crown, with whom we entered the Robinson Huron Treaty on September 9th, 1850.

Given our relationship with the British Crown, we were especially heartened by your decision to invite His Majesty King Charles III to read the Speech from the Throne. In the Speech, His Majesty said:

The Government will be a reliable partner to Indigenous Peoples, upholding its fundamental commitment to advancing reconciliation.

Unfortunately, the Government of Canada has not always been a *reliable* partner. In fact, the Supreme Court of Canada called the Crown a "historically dishonourable treaty partner" in the *Restoule* decision rendered on July 26, 2024, which involved our Treaty with the Crown – the Robinson Huron Treaty. In that case, we had to sue Ontario and Canada for the failure to honour the promise in the Treaty to augment our treaty annuities as resource wealth from our treaty territories increased. Despite the billions of dollars generated from our treaty territory, our annuity was increased only once in 1875, to the current level of \$4.00 per person. The Supreme Court characterized this as the Anishinaabe

having “been left with an empty shell of a treaty promise for almost century and a half.”

Despite the Crown’s past dishonourable conduct, in January 2024, we were able to achieve a settlement with the Governments of Canada and Ontario, both successors to the British Crown, for past annuity compensation owed by the Crown to Robinson Huron Treaty Chiefs and their Tribes. This was a momentous achievement that partially restored our relationship with the Crown.

We say “partially restored” because our work on renewing our treaty relationship is not finished. The settlement agreement we signed in January 2024 only dealt with past compensation. We still need to negotiate the implementation of the augmentation promise going forward.

Our Anishinaabe ancestors had the vision and foresight to negotiate a treaty partnership that would establish the necessary relationship at the time of treaty and for the future. It is now our responsibility to restore and implement the relationship in modern times. The Settlement Agreement for Past Compensation sets the stage for this: it includes a commitment in Appendix 1 of the Settlement Agreement to co-develop a Robinson Huron Treaty Annuity Augmentation Implementation Agreement.

Unfortunately, neither Canada nor Ontario has confirmed that they have a mandate to start the negotiations to co-develop a Robinson Huron Treaty Augmentation Implementation Agreement. As a result, on Treaty Day, our people still only get \$4.00. That is wrong. It must change, and it must change quickly. Your government is committed to moving more rapidly and efficiently in its decision-making processes in a variety of areas, particularly regarding the economy. We hope this applies to implementing our Treaty augmentation promise going forward because the failure to do so continues to negatively affect the economic realities of the Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations.

The Supreme Court of Canada issued a directive to the Crowns to move quickly in paragraph 13 of its Decision in *Restoule*:

In the reasons that follow, it should be clear that Ontario and Canada **must act now** to respect their treaty promises to the Anishinaabe, and to help restore the honour of the Crown and the nation-to-nation alliance that the treaties represent. **It is time for the parties to return to the council fire and rekindle the perpetual relationship** that the Robinson Treaties envision. Nothing less will demonstrate the Crown’s commitment to reconciliation.

We invite you to the council fire to rekindle our treaty relationship: to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Robinson Huron Treaty, to recognize the achievement of the settlement agreement for past compensation and to initiate our go-forward negotiations.

The Speech from the Throne and the invitation to King Charles III to deliver the Speech was an important symbolic and political gesture to remind Canadians and our American neighbours that Canada is a sovereign country with unique historical and constitutional foundations.

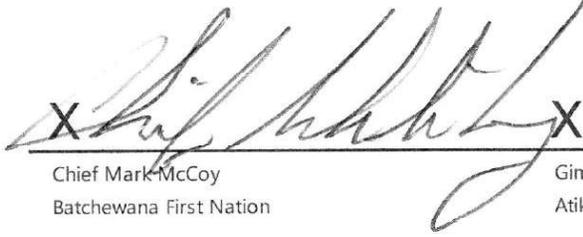
The Robinson Huron Treaty, which our ancestors entered with the British Crown is also part of that unique historical and constitutional fabric. Your attendance at our council fire would serve to highlight this while at the same time assuring our citizens and all Canadians that Canada is a reliable treaty partner.

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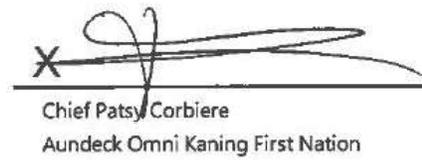
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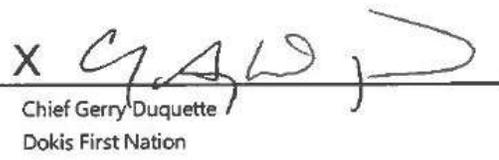
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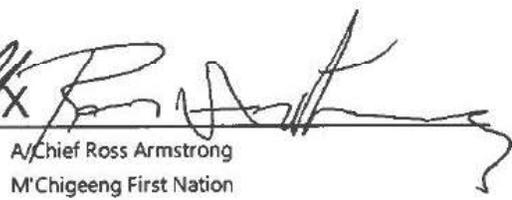
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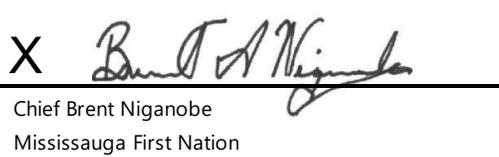
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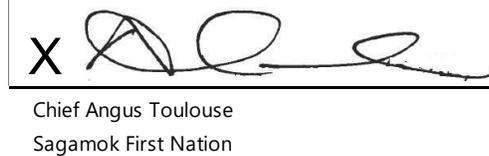
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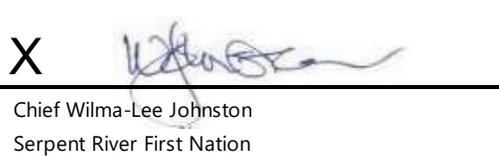
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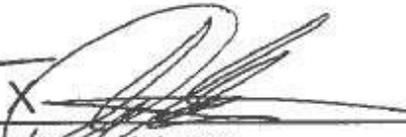
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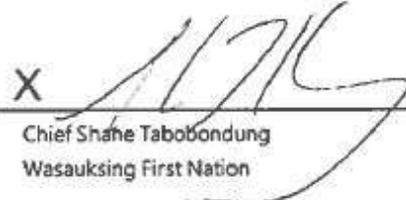
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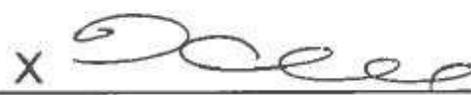
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