



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

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Communique

Ontario and Canada Ministers Commit to Annual Council Fire Gatherings with Robinson Huron Treaty Leadership

Baawaating – Sault Ste Marie: Yesterday, September 9th, 2025, amongst the Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) Anishinaabek Chiefs and citizens at the 175th commemorative Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering in Baawaating – Sault Ste Marie, the Honourable Rebecca Alty, Minister of Crown–Indigenous Relations and Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community Partnerships, committed to annual Council Fire gatherings with RHT leadership.

The rekindling of the Council Fire was a commitment that RHT leadership have been calling on the Crowns to commit to – a process to negotiate the annuity augmentation clause of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850.

As stated in the Supreme Court of Canada decision last July 2024, this sacred treaty affirmed the nation-to-nation relationship between the Lake Huron Anishinaabe and the Crown:

[4] The Robinson Treaties built on a close relationship between the British and the Anishinaabe of the upper Great Lakes that existed long before 1850. That relationship was guided by the Covenant Chain alliance, dating back to the 17th century, which symbolized the close connection between the British Crown and Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabe. The British and the Anishinaabe maintained this connection in part through annual gift-giving around sacred “council fires” as expressions of mutual generosity and goodwill.

While no dates have been set as of yet for a first Council Fire on annuity augmentation, this is a momentous step forward for our people - with our Treaty partners.

Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) will continue to provide ongoing updates to our RHT First Nation communities.

Atikameksheng

Anishnawbek

Aundeck Omni

Kaning

Batchewana

First Nation

Dokis First Nation

Henvey Inlet

First Nation

M'Chigeeng

First Nation

Magnetawan

First Nation

Mississauga

First Nation

Nipissing

First Nation

Ojibways of

Garden River

Sagamok

Anishnawbek

Serpent River

First Nation

Shawanaga

First Nation

Sheguiandah

First Nation

Sheshegwaning

First Nation

Thessalon

First Nation

Wahnapiatae

First Nation

Wasauksing

First Nation

Whitefish River

First Nation

Wiikwemkoong

Unceded Territory

Zhiibaahaasing

First Nation