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To: All Members Fort Nelson First Nation (FNFN)

From: Deloitte Wealth Management Services

Re: Agricultural Benefits Settlement Trust distribution and the impact on other payments

Please note the following information regarding your upcoming distribution from the 2017 Agricultural Benefits Settlement Trust:

1. No impact on Social Assistance Payment and Persons with Disability Assistance

Per INAC, the Agriculture Benefits Claim funds paid are **NOT** considered income for the purposes of Income Assistance and Persons with Disability Assistance.

For the purpose of Income Assistance (IA), documentation on client file that demonstrates that the monies received were from the Agricultural Benefits Settlement will be sufficient to maintain eligibility, so long as there is no other source of income reported that month that is not considered exempt.

Further, if IA clients maintain a balance in their bank accounts and can confirm that those funds are, and continue to be, a result of the settlement, then they will still be eligible.

2. Do not report the distribution amount on your Income Tax Returns

As the distribution will be paid from the capital of the Trust (the amount settled by FNFN), the distribution amount is **NOT** to be reported on your income tax returns. This means that it should have **no impact** on the following:

- Universal Child Care Benefits
- Child tax
- GST credit
- Employment Insurance
- Canadian Pension Plan
- Old Age Security
- Tax

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