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## **NOTICE TO FORT NELSON FIRST NATION MEMBERS**

Dear Members,

### **Re: Per Capita Distribution for FNFN Members From Capital Trust Account**

The Council of Fort Nelson First Nation wishes to provide financial relief to all of its members as a result of COVID-19 impacts, and is planning to make two distributions to all members from the capital trust account that is held on behalf of Fort Nelson First Nation by Indigenous Services Canada, as follows:

1. the first distribution is planned for the spring of 2020 of \$3,000 per member, and
2. the second is planned for December 2020 of \$5,000 per member.

### **Re: Per Capita Distribution to FNFN Minor Children from the Capital Trust Account**

Council wishes to distribute \$3,000 of the trust moneys for each minor child under 19 years of age to their parent or legal guardian to be used for the benefit of the child rather than having all the funds distributed into the minor's trust account (\$3,000 is the maximum allowed to be distributed to a parent/guardian on behalf of a minor per year under Section 52.1(1) of the Indian Act). These moneys are intended for the care and benefit of the minor child during a time of financial uncertainty and pressure caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the second per capita distribution of \$5,000, the moneys belonging to minors will be deposited by Indigenous Services Canada directly into the minor's trust account and will not be transferred to the parent/guardian, unless a parent or guardian makes a written request for all or part of the \$5000 to Indigenous Services Canada using a form that will be provided by the Fort Nelson First Nation administration.

At this time, we are seeking your input/feedback on the distribution of each minor's share of \$3,000 of these moneys directly to the parent/guardian for the benefit of the minor children.

**If you have any objections**, please contact Kristin Lowe, the Clerk to Council, at the Fort Nelson First Nation's office at email [kristin.lowe@fnnation.ca](mailto:kristin.lowe@fnnation.ca) or phone 250-774-7257.

The deadline for your objection or input is 4:30 pm on Friday, June 5, 2020.

Respectfully,

Chief Sharleen Gale  
Fort Nelson First Nation

*"For as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow."*