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Briefing Note- Sucker Creek First Nation Agricultural Benefits “Cows and Plows” Claim

To: Membership of the Sucker Creek First Nation
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Date: April 1, 2020
Re: **Sucker Creek First Nation Update on Agricultural Benefits**

Background:

Sucker Creek First Nation (the “Nation”) submitted a claim to Canada’s Specific Claims Branch in reference to Treaty agricultural promises (the “Claim”). The Nation remains in negotiations with Canada. Please refer to the “Step by Step” guide that provides all the steps required in the negotiation and settlement process. We are currently on Step 4 and 5.

In addition to providing a Claim update we wanted to take the time to extend our well wishes to all members of the Sucker Creek First Nation. We know this is a difficult time and we hope everyone is safe and healthy.

Next Steps:

As you might recall, Canada had previously advised that some advancement of the Claim could occur by the Spring of 2020. The Government of Canada now states it is uncertain whether this timeline still applies.

Canada advised that they would continue to work on the Nation’s Claim, but timelines cannot be specified as essential and critical health services are being prioritized at this time.

Conclusion

As the claim progresses, the Nation remains committed to providing the membership with as much information as possible. Unfortunately, there are no definitive timelines that can be provided at this time.

As previously noted, when the Claim progresses, community meetings (both on and off-reserve) will be held. The Nation will be abiding by best health and safety practices for any upcoming meeting(s) which may include hosting meetings virtually/online and/or incorporating additional meeting times to comply with potential mass gathering restrictions. Best wishes and please take care, everyone!

THE SPECIFIC CLAIM NEGOTIATION PROCESS: STEP BY STEP

