

Executive Office
Box 480
La Ronge, Saskatchewan
S0J 1L0
Phone: (306) 425-2183
Fax: (306) 425-2590



Lac La Ronge Indian Band

MEDIA RELEASE

Saturday, August 24th, 2024

For Immediate Release

LLRIB Approves \$601.5 Million Agricultural Benefits Settlement Agreement

(Treaty 6 Territory, Woodland Cree) Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Sask. The Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB) has approved a historic settlement agreement with the federal government, securing \$601.5 million for its community. This agreement addresses the long-standing “cows-and-plows” clause of Treaty 6, resolving unfulfilled promises made by Canada to provide agricultural support to the band.

The offer to settle the Treaty 6 Agricultural Benefits Claim, one of the largest of its kind in Canadian history, was approved following extensive community consultations. Over the past several months, LLRIB leadership held numerous meetings, information sessions, and discussions to ensure that all members had the opportunity to learn about the settlement, ask questions, and voice their opinions.

A community vote was held from Aug. 19 to 22, followed by in-person voting on August 23, with a record turnout of 5,068 ballots cast out of 8,462 eligible voters, resulting in a 60 per cent voter turnout—the highest voter turnout in its history.

There was overwhelming support for the agreement, with 95 percent of voters, or 4,835 band members (18+), voted in favor, while 181 voted against and 52 ballots were spoiled.

"This is a momentous day for Lac La Ronge Indian Band. The membership's overwhelming support for the settlement demonstrates their commitment to securing a better future for our community. We are pleased that Canada has finally recognized and acknowledged its failure to fulfill the obligations under Treaty 6, and this settlement is a critical step towards rectifying that historical wrong," said Chief Tammy Cook-Searson.

"This settlement is the result of careful consideration and input from our community members. We wanted to ensure that everyone's voice was heard and that the decision we made together reflects the collective will and best interests of the band

Executive Office
Box 480
La Ronge, Saskatchewan
S0J 1L0
Phone: (306) 425-2183
Fax: (306) 425-2590



Lac La Ronge Indian Band

membership. This agreement represents a significant step toward justice and reconciliation for the members of our First Nation,” said Chief Cook-Se arson.

Following the community’s approval, LLRIB’s leadership will proceed with finalizing the settlement agreement with the federal government. The process is expected to take up to seven months to complete.

About the Lac La Ronge Indian Band

The Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB) is the second largest First Nation in Saskatchewan and one of the ten largest in Canada, with a population of 12,395 as of July 2024. Located in north-central Saskatchewan, LLRIB’s reserve lands span from farmlands to the Churchill River. The band is dedicated to preserving Cree culture and language while promoting education, economic growth, and social development. For more info, visit www.llrib.com.

Media enquiries may be directed to:



Tina Pelletier
Communications Consultant
Lac La Ronge Indian Band
Cell: 306-941-7120
Email: indigenouscreaturecomms@gmail.com