



Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

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Dear Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly Urban and Off-Reserve Members

Firstly, I would like to apologize for the delay while acknowledging our appreciation for your continued patience with the process for the urban and off-reserve funding support announcement. I understand how stressful and difficult everything has become for you and your family members and hope access to this funding will help offset the burdens being faced.

I would like to personally apologize for the delay in implementing the urban and off-reserve support. Our goal was to offer COVID-19 related support to all urban and off-reserve members to assist in unexpected burdens. Implementing a process for acquiring member contacts while ensuring we reach all members has been extremely challenging. The notion was to support the guiding principles that govern the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA) under the Social Development priority. In support of this goal, the CNA submitted a proposal to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in hopes to access funding for the "Economic and Social well-being of our Communities and Members". I understand we may have caused frustration between membership and community leadership, so I apologize for this reaction.

We have recently been notified that our original application with ISC for the COVID-19 urban and off-reserve funding was under further and second review, based on an announcement that additional funds were being made available from the Federal Government. We are awaiting a final update regarding this funding announcement before we can propose support or distribution scenarios to our Board of Directors for the urban and off-reserve members. We will communicate and provide an update as soon as it is available; again, I appreciate your continued patience.

As the impacts of COVID-19 continue to unfold, we want to take this opportunity to share our commitment to support members while recognizing the challenges being faced. I welcome and encourage you to reach out to myself or CNA staff should you require any information or support.

The CNA communications department has been diligently working to develop an up to date contact list. We understand the barriers faced by many members such as lack of access to internet and technology and would encourage you to help your friends and family during this unprecedented time. We have reached out to management, leadership and administration in each of the communities to coordinate efforts in supporting the CNA to reach as many off reserve members as possible and for this we are grateful.

I would like to thank you for your patience and resilience and encourage you to contact myself should you have any questions or concerns via email at wkaboni@cna-trust.ca or via phone at the office during office hours Monday through Friday 8:30am -4:30pm at 250-378-1864.

Sincerely,

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