

October 22, 2025

Dear Chiefs and Councils of the First Nations to Treaty 4:

We are writing to invite you to join the case that we are leading against the Government of Canada over their failure to increase annuities under Treaty 4 for 150 years and counting. This case is about enforcing our treaty rights, and restoring the value of past, present, and future annuities. We are working alongside Chief Murray Clearsky of Waywayseecappo First Nation on this case.

We are advancing various claims against Canada, including that the Crown has breached its obligations under Treaty 4, breached its fiduciary duties, and failed to act in accordance with the Honour of the Crown by keeping annuities frozen at \$5.00. We are also seeking several court declarations to clarify our right to annuities under Treaty 4, and compensation to beneficiaries that reflects the intended real value of annuities.

Earlier this year, we asked the Court to certify the case as a class action. Canada opposed this motion and argued that the claim should move forward as a representative action. Ultimately, the Federal Court ordered that the claim should move forward as a representative action. While we are appealing this decision, we are not letting it slow us down.

We are asking the Chiefs and Councils of all Treaty 4 First Nations to join us in our demands for justice. **For your members to be included in this case, you need to take action by passing a BCR.** Further information and a draft BCR are enclosed with this letter for your consideration. If your First Nation wants to join the action and be represented by us, please send a copy of your BCR to Melissa Liauw at mliauw@mccarthy.ca by November 15, 2025.

The power of our claim rests on coming together, as our ancestors did when Treaty 4 was formed. Our case is further strengthened by each First Nation that joins the action. This is about uniting to enforce the treaties that this country was founded on, and putting our best case forward against Canada to ensure that the treaties are honoured and upheld. We are fighting this case so that our members get the annuities that they deserve, now and forever.

Our legal team is available to answer any questions or present at your upcoming Band Council meetings. We have entered into a contingency fee agreement with them, meaning that they only get paid if the action is successful, and there are no out of pocket costs to your nation for joining the action. Your First Nation will not need to take any loans or obtain any insurance to fund this litigation.

We thank you for your time and consideration, and look forward to working together.

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