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Piapot First Nation Flood Claim Update

Message from Chief and Council

November 11, 2026

Dear Piapot First Nation Members,

We would like to share an important update with our membership regarding the ongoing Piapot First Nation Flood Claim.

On November 10, 2026, Chief and Council, along with our legal team, met with representatives of Canada to continue negotiations on this longstanding claim.

We want our members to know that our flood claim remains active, and negotiations with Canada are continuing.

During the meeting, we reminded Canada of the historical damage flooding has caused to our Nation, our lands, water, environment, and our people's traditional ways of life.

For decades, our people have lived with the impacts of flooding. Our Elders, past leadership, and community members have worked hard to bring these concerns forward and seek justice for our Nation.

This claim is not only about financial compensation. It is about justice, protecting our lands, recognizing our history, and ensuring a better future for our children and grandchildren.

What happened at the meeting?

Canada explained that it has experienced internal challenges with the previous approach used to calculate compensation. Its negotiating team is now exploring another approach that may provide a pathway toward settlement.

One option discussed involves compensation related to flood-affected lands and a possible easement agreement.

We want to be very clear with our membership: No settlement agreement has been reached, and Piapot First Nation has not agreed to any new easement involving our lands.

Any proposal involving our lands would require careful legal review and consideration of the long-term interests of our Nation and future generations.

What happens next?

Over the next 30 days, our legal and negotiation teams will continue reviewing Canada's proposed approach, examining its implications, and participating in technical discussions.

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We are also pressing Canada to provide a **formal written settlement offer by March 31, 2027.**

Although Canada has expressed optimism about this timeline, it is important for our members to understand that this date is not guaranteed, as further government approvals are still required.

Our commitment to our members

Chief and Council remain committed to advocating for:

- Fair compensation for our Nation
- Protection of our lands and water
- Environmental restoration
- Recognition of the historical losses experienced by our people
- A fair and meaningful settlement that considers future generations

We are also committed to keeping our membership informed as negotiations move forward and ensuring that any proposed settlement goes through the appropriate community consultation and approval processes.

We understand the frustration our members may feel after waiting so many years for a resolution. We share that frustration, and we recognize the importance of bringing this longstanding claim to a fair conclusion.

Our responsibility is not simply to settle this claim. Our responsibility is to settle it properly, with the best interests of our people and future generations at the forefront.

We want to acknowledge and thank our Elders, past and present leadership, our legal team, and all those who have continued advocating for justice for Piapot First Nation.

We will continue moving forward together, protecting the interests of our Nation and keeping our people informed along the way.

On behalf of Chief and Council

Chief Mark Fox
Piapot First Nation