



Metlakatla First Nation

Distribution Information Bulletin

March 20th, 2024

On September 5, 2023, the Metlakatla Governing Council accepted, on behalf of the Metlakatla First Nation, the settlement offer of \$150 million from the Government of Canada, for the 1906 specific claim related to the surrender of portions of IR No.2 on Kaien Island, Digby Island, and the Tsimpsean Peninsula.

\$100,000 CAD will be distributed to Metlakatla members who meet the following criteria:

- Registered members of Metlakatla First Nation who were alive and on the ISC Band List as of September 5th, 2023.
- Any Metlakatla member who applied to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for registration on the Band List before September 5th, 2023, and can provide relevant ISC documentation will receive a distribution upon registration confirmed by ISC.

Distribution Details:

- Metlakatla First Nation has developed a Distribution Policy and Procedures to guide the distribution process.
- Both paper and digital application forms will be available.
- Minors (Members under the age of 19) are not required to submit distribution applications as their funds will be held in trust until they reach the age of 19. At that time, they will be able to submit a distribution application to the Metlakatla First Nation following the Distribution Policy and Procedures.

Distribution Guidelines:

- Zero Tolerance for Aggressive Behaviour: We emphasize that aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated during the distribution process.
- Staff will not be addressing inquiries regarding the distribution through text messages or social media.
- Distribution applications must be submitted solely by the entitled member who is eligible to receive the distribution. Individuals are not permitted to apply on behalf of others or collect someone else's cheque.
- Guardians of dependents over the age of 19 years: Please contact our office for information on the required legal paperwork.

Distribution Process:

- Distribution Cheques will be issued in person under the supervision of key staff from the Distribution Team, at locations in Metlakatla, Prince Rupert, Prince George, and Vancouver. If you are a member residing outside of these areas or unable to attend one of those areas, the details regarding the in person issuance of your Distribution Cheque will be provided at a later date.
- It will be mandatory to present two pieces of valid identification, with one being a non-expired government-issued photo ID with your current address, to receive your distribution cheque.
- Appointments for distribution cheque pick up will be coordinated by the Metlakatla Distribution Team. The specific date will be determined and communicated well in advance.

Outstanding debts owed by a member to Metlakatla First Nation will be deducted from their distribution cheque.

We are dedicated to ensuring an equitable and transparent distribution process that serves the best interests of our community. We thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to facilitate this momentous financial milestone.