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TO Our Peguis Members

This update from Chief Glenn Hudson and Council of progress and commitment to the use of the Surrender Claim funds involving our Surrender trust.

The trust has been making significant progress. First of all, its ratification by you, our members, and has been accepted to utilize and accommodate continued growth and development of our community and Peguis membership, both on and off reserve. To date, the trust has been invested, trustees selected and investment advisors along with the corporate trustee selected.

This information can be provided by the 10 trustees that represent and manage our valued trust monies. In principle, we as a Nation have received these funds in compensation for leaving our lands and infrastructure behind as a community in the former St Peters reserve back in 1907.

We have also enjoyed as individuals, the benefit of the per capita payment issued over this past year from the Surrender Claim trust. At this point in time, we have gathered information from our many meetings and feedback on the use of the funds in the areas of infrastructure, cultural celebrations, education and economic development. For the future, we remain committed in the use of these funds in furthering our community development for both on and off reserve in the areas of housing, education, economic development to name a few areas as there are many.

There are significant plans in place including housing developments in around Selkirk on existing and future lands for our people, new Senior Centre's and Elders housing for both on and off reserve in our existing community of Peguis and in former St. Peters reserve area, just to name a few priority projects. We welcome future feedback on these and many other initiatives and issues going forward as there are community meetings planned to discuss these and other plans going forward.

So at this time I would encourage all members both on and off reserve to support the plans presented in this package so we as a Nation can realize and continue our historical significance in the development of this province and country but also in the future development and understandings of the importance that we will play in furthering our role in development in our Peguis community, former St Peters lands and our traditional territory and beyond.

Let's support these initiatives proposed by our trustees and council as this is the first step of many projects and developments that will secure and show the significance that our Nation has played and take our rightful place in history of Manitoba and Canada.

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Chief Glenn Hudson
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