



## NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES

### Sawridge Band Intervivos Settlement (1985 Trust)

Court Action 1103 14112 to review the definition of "Beneficiaries" in the 1985 Trust is reaching the final steps in seeking direction about a change in the definition of "Beneficiaries" in this Trust and to seek remedies for those who may be affected by the change to the current definition.

The current definition has been declared discriminatory and therefore the Trustees have determined that the definition should be changed to eliminate discrimination.

One possible action to effectively change the current definition would be to ask those persons identified as potential beneficiaries or persons who may have an interest under the current definition to approve a new definition. Under Section 42 of the Trustee Act of Alberta, the potential beneficiaries can vote on a new definition but 100% of these persons would have to agree to the new definition. Such a change would still be subject to court approval.

The current definition is provided below:

*"Beneficiaries" at any particular time shall mean all persons who at that time qualify as members of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Act R.S.C. 1970, Chapter I-6 as such provisions existed on the 15th day of April, 1982 and, in the event that such provisions are amended after the date of the execution of this Deed all persons who at such particular time would qualify for membership of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 pursuant to the said provisions as such provisions existed on the 15th day of April, 1982 and, for greater certainty, no persons who would not qualify as members of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 pursuant to the said provisions, as such provisions existed on the 15th day of April, 1982, shall be regarded as "Beneficiaries" for the purpose of this Settlement whether or not such persons become or are at any time considered to be members of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 for all or any other purposes by virtue of amendments to the Indian Act R. S. C. 1970, Chapter I-6 that may come into force at any time after the date of the execution of this Deed or by virtue of any other legislation enacted by the Parliament of Canada or by any province or by virtue of any regulation, Order in Council, treaty or executive act of the Government of Canada or any province or by any other means whatsoever; provided, for greater certainty, that any person who shall become enfranchised, become a member of another Indian band or in any manner voluntarily cease to be a member of the Sawridge Indian Band No 19 under the Indian Act R.S.C. 1970, Chapter I-6, as amended from time to time, or any consolidation thereof or successor legislation thereto shall thereupon cease to be a Beneficiary for all purposes of this Settlement;*

You are receiving this notice because our preliminary analysis has determined that you may be a beneficiary of the trust under the current definition of beneficiaries of the trust. In order to determine if someone may be a beneficiary, an analysis of their qualifications as a member under the Indian Act as it existed in 1982 must be done.

Any change in the definition may affect your rights as a person who has been identified as having an interest under that trust. The results of this vote will be presented to the court.



Two possible definitions have been proposed:

1. By the Trustees of the Sawridge Band Intervivos Settlement

*"Beneficiaries" at any particular time shall mean all persons who are members of the Sawridge Indian Band under the laws of Canada in force from time to time, including without restricting the generality of the foregoing, pursuant to the Membership Code of the Sawridge Indian Band as the Membership Code may exist to the extent that such Membership Code are incorporated into, or recognized by, the laws of Canada;*

2. By the Alberta Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee

*"Beneficiary" at any particular time shall mean all persons who at that time qualify as members of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19, including those who qualified or qualify as members, pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Act R.S.C. 1970, Chapter I-6 as such provisions existed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1982 provided, for greater certainty, that any person who shall voluntarily become enfranchised, become a member of another Indian band or in any manner voluntarily cease to be a member of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 after the establishment of this Trust shall thereupon cease to be a Beneficiary for all purposes of this Settlement;*

As a potential Beneficiary in the 1985 Trust you are being asked to vote on whether you could accept a variation of the trust that one of these two proposed definitions would be acceptable. We require your answer by **19 November 2018**. Please return your vote in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided with this Notice.

The vote cannot be anonymous. We must have your name and identification so that we know that you as a beneficiary voted.

If 100% of those being asked to vote for a definition choose the same definition, this definition will be proposed to the court as a proposed New Definition. If 100% of those being asked to vote do not choose the same definition, the court will be asked to find another remedy to resolve the current discriminatory definition.



**VOTE ON A PROPOSED NEW DEFINITION FOR “BENEFICIARIES”  
IN THE SAWRIDGE BAND INTERVIVOS SETTLEMENT**

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>IDENTIFICATION</b> (Driver’s Licence Number, Social Insurance Number, Alberta Health Care Number or Treaty Number)	

I VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION (place a mark in the appropriate box):

VOTE	PROPOSED DEFINITION
	<i>"Beneficiaries" at any particular time shall mean all persons who at that time qualify as members of the Sawridge Indian Band under the laws of Canada in force from time to time, including without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the membership rules and customary laws of the Sawridge Indian Band as the same may exist from time to time to the extent that such membership rules and customary laws are incorporated into, or recognized by, the laws of Canada;</i>

	<i>“Beneficiary” at any particular time shall mean all persons who at that time qualify as members of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19, including those who qualified or qualify as members, pursuant to the provisions of the <u>Indian Act</u> R.S.C. 1970, Chapter I-6 as such provisions existed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1982 provided, for greater certainty, that any person who shall voluntarily become enfranchised, become a member of another Indian band or in any manner voluntarily cease to be a member of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 after the establishment of this Trust shall thereupon cease to be a Beneficiary for all purposes of this Settlement;</i>
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<b>SIGNATURE</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	

**Return your vote in the self-addressed, stamped envelope no later than 19 November 2018.**