



COMMUNITY NOTICE

TO: Garden River First Nation Citizens
FROM: Chief Andy Rickard
ISSUED: January 21, 2020
RE: Update on the Day School Class Action Settlement

Background:

The Federal Court approved a nation-wide class settlement to compensate *Survivor Class Members* from harms suffered *while attending an Indian Day School that was run by the Federal Government*. This Class Action will be handled by the Law Firm Gowling WLG.

There are five levels of compensation based on the level of harms an individual experienced. To be eligible for this compensation you must have attended at least one of the identified Indian Day Schools listed on Schedule K during the time it was operated and/or controlled by the Federal Government. Please note the two Garden River Day schools are identified below as per schedule K.

Province	School Name	Name Variants	Opening Date	Closing or Transfer Date	Location	Religious Affiliation
Ontario	Garden River (AC)	Garden River Protestant	1868	September 1, 1967	Garden River Indian Reserve	Anglican Church
Ontario	Garden River (RC)		1875	June 30, 1969	Garden River Indian Reserve	Roman Catholic

What's Happening Now?

The Indian Day School Settlement Claims Process is now open for Survivors who suffered harms while attending Federal Indian Day Schools. Survivors can now take the next step in their journey by submitting a claim for compensation.

What Does this Mean for Class Members?

To get started, Survivors can complete the Claim Form available online at www.indiandayschools.com or can pick up printed claim packages at two locations:

- 1) Garden River First Nation Band Office (front desk)
- 2) Garden River Wellness Centre (front desk)

If you like a copy dropped off or mailed, please contact Amy Sayers in Communications at 705-946-6300 or email asayers@gardenriver.org to make arrangements.

Class Members will have two and a half years to submit their claims for compensation. **The last day to submit a claim will be July 13, 2022.**

What are the Next Steps?

The completed Claim Forms can be submitted to the Claims Administrator in the following ways:

To: Indian Day Schools Class Action Claims Administrator, c/o Deloitte

- **By Mail:** PO Box 1775, Toronto, ON, Canada, M5C 0A2, or
- **By Fax:** 416-366-1102, or
- **By Email:** indiandayschools@deloitte.ca

Legal and mental health supports available for Class Members:

After waiting many years for justice and recognition, the opening of the Claims Process is a major milestone in many Survivors' lives. To assist people in the process, a number of supports are available for Class Members:

- **Claims Process and legal support:** For any questions about the Claim Form or Claims Process, Survivors can call 1 (888) 221-2898. They will be given the option either to seek support from the Administrator on submitting a Claim, or legal support and help filling out the Claim Form from Class Counsel.
- **Mental health counselling and crisis support** is available to Class Members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the Hope for Wellness Hotline at 1-855-242-3310 or online at www.hopeforwellness.ca. Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut, on request.

Upcoming Community Visit:

We have requested a community visit from Gowling WLG to do a presentation and answer questions about the Indian Day School Class Action. Once we receive confirmation on a date, a community notice will be posted.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Indian Day School Class Action Settlement you can visit the Indian Day School website at www.indiandayschools.com or call 1-844-539-3815.

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Chief Andy Rickard

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