

# Letter from Your IRAs

## Eileen Black & Alister Love

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We have a few updates & information items to share: a Status Card update, Updating and maintaining TSARTLIP's Current Active Membership List, including Birth Registries.

### Status Card Update

Unfortunately we have received very short notice from Vancouver that Ottawa is phasing out the CIS (Certificate of Indian Status), the laminated Status Cards. Vancouver Head Office has just informed us that we are to immediately implement the new SCIS (Secure Certificate of Indian Status) Cards. **This means that we are no longer able to produce the Laminated Cards.** The new Secure Status Cards will be similar to Driver's License & Provincial ID Cards with many security features within the card. In order to have these security features within the card they are only able to be produced in 1 high security location, and require a similar process in applying for a passport.

**Adult Cards** (16 yrs and older) **will now expire after 10 yrs.** Instead of 5yrs.

**Child Cards** (15 yrs and younger) **will now expire after 5 yrs.** Instead of 3yrs.

**\* Eileen & Alister are available to assist members in filling out Applications \***  
Additional information for SCIS Applications follows our Other Registry Items.

### Other Registry Items

#### **UPDATING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP LIST**

We are updating our Membership List to accurately reflect our current Membership and have noticed that many of our members who have passed are currently listed on the Active Members list. Unfortunately we are unable to remove these members without the Original Death Certificate. **In order to change this we require the Original Death Certificate** in order to report it to the head office in Vancouver; there is no other way we can removed their names from our Active List. We understand this can be a difficult/sensitive subject and we appreciate your assistance and cooperation through this process and are here if you have any questions. If you are unsure as to whether or not a deceased relative has been officially reported through us to Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada **please give us a call and we will check our list.** If you know that your relative who has passed away is still on our Active Members List **please call** to make an appointment with us and we will complete the process with INAC.

#### **BIRTH REGISTRIES**

Another way for us to ensure our Current Active Membership List is up to date is to register children as soon as possible. If you have not yet registered your child please call to make an appointment so that we can fill out the paperwork and send it to the

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Vancouver Head Office for Processing. Please note that we require the Original Long form Birth Certificate for this.

It is important to keep in mind that a child is only covered under their Mother's Care Card for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of their life; after this they require their own Health Number (Service Card).

### **SCIS Important Application Information**

**\*\*\* If there is even a slight discrepancy with a SCIS Application IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT**, so PLEASE read all instructions on forms very closely and print clearly. All Forms are to be filled out in **BLUE** or **BLACK** ink, otherwise it will be returned to be redone in one of these 2 colours of ink. **IF an Application is returned - the time for receiving your SCIS Card will be from the LAST DATE you mail in the Application.**

#### **ITEMS REQUIRED to Apply for a SCIS Card:**

- Original Birth Document (Original Marriage Certificate if Last Name is different from the Birth Document)
- 1 or 2 (depending on type) pieces of personal ID Copied and signed by a Guarantor
- 2 Passport Photos (Canadian Passport Certified) 1 signed by a Guarantor

#### **Children 15 years of age or Younger, OR a Dependent Adult:**

- Original LONG FORM Birth Certificate (states Parent(s) name(s))
- Signer MUST BE Parent or LEGAL Guardian

#### **NOTES for filling out Application:** Forms Can be found at [www.aandc.gc.ca/forms](http://www.aandc.gc.ca/forms)

- Fill out Application IN BLOCK LETTERS & in Blue OR Black Ink
- Be sure that for the **Adult Applications** the signature needs to be **FULLY INSIDE** the faint box outline \*If any part of the signature touches even the inner line of the box the Application WILL BE REJECTED and returned to the Applicant.
- Make sure the Guarantor signs ALL Photocopies & writes, "This is a true likeness of (Full Name of Applicant NO INITIALS)" **on the back of 1 Photo.**
- Guarantor NEEDS to be from list on page 1 of the Guarantor Declaration Form & know the Applicant min 2yrs (for child/Dependant Adult Applications the Guarantor needs to know both people on application min 2yrs each).
- When mailing in the Application, we recommend sending Express Post or Signature required so that you have a tracking # to prove that your Application was received.

You can call the Registry Office 250-652-8366 Tuesday or Thursday

OR Contact Aboriginal Affairs directly at: 1-800-567-9604

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