



**NATIONAL DRINKING WATER
SETTLEMENT**



For over 2 years, Tataskweyak Cree Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation have been leading a national class action against Canada for the harm caused by unclean water in the taps of First Nations across the country.

A settlement agreement was reached, and the claims period is now open.

Compensation for eligible individuals

Compensation for the First Nation

Legally binding commitments to fund clean water forever

COMMITMENTS TO FIRST NATIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- \$1.5 billion in total compensation for individuals deprived of clean drinking water
- the creation of a \$400 million First Nation Economic and Cultural Restoration
- a renewed commitment to Canada's Action Plan for lifting of all long-term drinking water advisories.
- a commitment of at least \$6 billion to support reliable access to safe drinking water on reserves across the country.
- planned modernization of Canada's First Nations drinking water legislation.
- the creation of a First Nations Advisory Committee on Safe Drinking Water.
- support for First Nations to develop their own safe drinking water by-laws and initiatives.

NEW STANDARDS

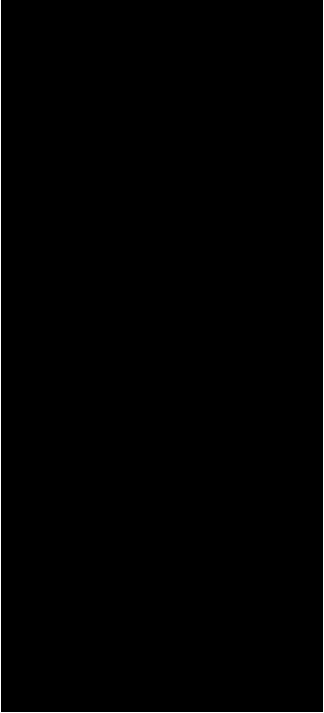


The settlement agreement includes strong commitments to make sure that water is clean and ready to use. Under the settlement agreement, Canada will be legally required to make all reasonable efforts to provide regular access to clean drinking water on reserve.

If Canada fails to meet this requirement, it will be in breach of the agreement. There will be a way of resolving disputes that incorporates Indigenous laws.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR INDIVIDUALS

MONEY TO RECOGNIZE THE DAMAGE CAUSED



First Nations members who ordinarily lived in South Saanich #1 Community for at least one year between October 18, 2019 to June 20, 2021 are eligible for compensation

Compensation for each individual will be determined by the length of time that they lived on reserve during the advisory.

This is a way to recognize the harms caused by not having safe drinking water.

First Nations members who ordinarily lived in South Saanich #1 are expected to receive approximately \$1,650 per year. Claims can also be made on behalf of those who died after November 20, 2017 for the time they lived on reserve during the advisory. Individual claims are due **March 7, 2023**. All compensation will be paid out *after* that date.



SPECIFIC INJURIES

If you are eligible for individual compensation and also suffered specific injuries from using the water as directed, you may be eligible to receive additional compensation. An individual must submit a claims form if they are applying for additional compensation relating to specified injuries.

Individuals can submit their claims for compensation either by submitting a claims form, or by having their name included on a Band Council Confirmation List. However, all claims for specified injuries require that a claims form, available on the website, be submitted.

CLAIMS FORMS AND MORE INFORMATION

For more information and to access the claims form, please visit or call:

www.FirstNationsDrinkingWater.ca
1-833-252-4220

For more specific questions on filling the compensation form or one-on-one help, please contact the Water Settlement Administrator at **1-833-252-4220, Monday to Friday, 7am–3pm PST**, or email **firstnationswater@deloitte.ca**.