



Office of Chief and Council Government of Siksika Nation

Update to Siksika Members regarding 1910 Global Settlement Referendum

On August 9, 2021 Siksika and the Government of Canada issued a news release announcing that a milestone Memorandum of Understanding was achieved in our ongoing negotiations with Canada to resolve historical claims related to our reserve lands. The most significant of these is the 1910 Claim, which relates to the lawfulness of a surrender of 115,000 acres of Siksika reserve land.

This notice provides an update to Siksika members on the status on the negotiations and some upcoming steps.

We are continuing to work hard to finalize a draft settlement agreement. This agreement will be presented to the membership for a ratification vote, which is required to be passed before the agreement is finally signed by Siksika and Canada.

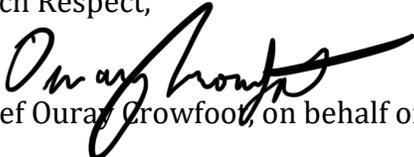
We anticipate the ratification vote will take place over two days, tentatively December 16 & 17, 2021. As soon as we are able to confirm the dates, a notice of referendum will be widely posted. All members who are eligible to vote in band elections are eligible to vote in the referendum. We strongly encourage all eligible voters to participate in this important and historic vote. All members residing off reserve will receive an information package in the mail which will include a mail-in ballot for those members unable to vote at a polling station.

We are committed to ensuring that all members have the information you need to make an informed choice when you vote. In the lead-up to the referendum vote, we will be holding a series of information meetings starting in early November. The notice of referendum and mail-out packages will provide further information regarding the dates and locations of those meetings. The draft settlement agreement will be available to all members for review at the information meetings and by request.

We are also pleased to announce that the Council will be providing a Christmas distribution to all Siksika members of \$250.00 per member. Cheques will be available for pick-up at the polling stations on the voting days.

This Christmas distribution is not related to the 1910 settlement. This Christmas distribution is a bit of assistance to go towards gifts, food and other necessities during the holiday season.

Much Respect,


Chief Ouray Crowfoot, on behalf of Siksika Nation Chief & Council