2011 MANITOBA FLOOD CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

To anyone who is a member of the Pinaymootang (Fairford), Little Saskatchewan, Lake St. Martin, or Dauphin River First Nations, who lived in Manitoba during the 2011 Flood:

SETTLEMENT

A Settlement Agreement has been reached and approved by the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench that settles the litigation involving the severe flooding in Manitoba in 2011 that led to the evacuation of and/or adverse conditions endured by members of the Pinaymootang (Fairford), Little Saskatchewan, Lake St. Martin, and Dauphin River First Nations.

While not admitting wrongdoing, the Governments of Manitoba and Canada have agreed to pay \$90,283,000.00. This amount includes lawyer ("Class Counsel") fees and expenses as well as Administration costs.

All members of the Pinaymootang (Fairford), Little Saskatchewan, Lake St. Martin, and Dauphin River First Nations resident in Manitoba at the time of the 2011 flood can make claims for Disruption Payments and Special Circumstances compensation:

- <u>Disruption Payments:</u> For the disruption the Eligible Claimant endured on account of the 2011 Flood, including his/her evacuation, or, if not evacuated, the adverse conditions he/she was subjected to while remaining on reserve. These payments will be determined on a point system that takes into account the length of time an Eligible Claimant was evacuated and/or living under adverse conditions and whether or not the Eligible Claimant was resident on or off one of the Four First Nations reserves.
- <u>Special Circumstances:</u> Eligible Claimants may also apply for compensation in respect of personal property loss or damage, income loss and/or health care costs or personal injuries relating to the 2011 flooding that have not already been compensated.

Because payments under the Settlement are based on the number of people that come forward to make claims, it is not possible to estimate the amounts Eligible Class Members may receive.

MAKING A CLAIM

In order to make a claim for benefits under the Settlement, Class Members must complete, sign and return a **Claim Form** to the **Claims Administrator**, along with any necessary supporting documents, postmarked or deposited by courier or delivered in person at various Workshops no later than **July 17, 2018**. If a Class Member does not timely and properly submit a Claim Form, he or she will **not** be able to participate in or share in the benefits available under the Settlement.

A detailed instruction package on how to obtain, complete and submit a Claim Form is available at **www.manitobafloodclassaction.com** or by contacting the Claims Administrator using the contact information below.

Workshops will be held throughout Manitoba (see below for location, dates and times) by the Claims Administrator to assist Class Members in making claims in the Settlement. There is no cost to Class Members in attending these workshops.

LEGAL FEES

The Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench will be asked to award legal fees, not to exceed 15% of the total Settlement Amount, plus expenses and applicable taxes. Class Counsel were retained on a contingent basis and were responsible for funding all expenses incurred in pursuing this litigation and approving and overseeing implementation of the Settlement.

If Class Members choose to retain a lawyer to help them in making individual claims under the Settlement, they are responsible for paying the legal fees of any lawyer they retain.

LEARNING MORE

The Court Office will NOT be able to answer questions about the matters in this Notice. If you have any questions regarding the Settlement Agreement or making a Claim, information is available by contacting the Claims Administrator at:

Email: manitobaflood@ricepoint.com

Call toll-free: 1-866-934-0509

IMPORTANT DATES:

Claim Form Workshops:

RBC Convention Centre (Winnipeg, MB):

April 24 at 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. April 25 at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Gypsumville Hall (Gypsumville, MB):

April 26 at 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. April 27 at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

> Claim Deadline: Tuesday, July 17, 2018