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To: Day Star First Nation (“Day Star”)
From: Maurice Law
Date: November 2024
Subject: **Treaty 4 Agricultural Benefits Claim (aka “Cows & Plows”)**

MEMORANDUM

- The Day Star First Nation Treaty 4 Agricultural Benefits claim deals with the unfulfilled promise of agricultural benefits and other agricultural assistance under the terms of Treaty 4.
- Day Star’s Cows and Plows Claim was finalized and submitted to the Specific Claims Branch in **April 2023**. Filing of the Claim triggered Canada’s mandatory three and a half year review period under the Specific Claims Policy.
- Day Star Chief and Council successfully secured an early acceptance of the claim in **May 2024**, and the Nation formally agreed to negotiate with Canada **June 2024**.
- Following the appointment of a Federal negotiator in Fall 2024, negotiations with Canada are now underway, and we expect to receive a formal Settlement proposal from Canada in **Spring 2025** which will be brought before the members.
- Chief and Council and legal counsel will continue to take all steps possible to expedite the resolution of this long outstanding Claim. It should be noted that no settlement can occur until the question of settlement is put to Day Star members in a ratification vote.

Will a potential Cows and Plows Settlement protect our Treaty Rights?

Yes. The Specific Claims policy specifically prohibits the extinguishment or alteration of Treaty Rights. Legal counsel and Day Star First Nation Chief and Council will ensure language in any Settlement Agreement is unequivocally clear that any existing Treaty Rights **will not** be altered or extinguished as a result of settling this claim.