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RE: Day Star Agricultural Benefits Negotiations

This is to clarify the procedure relating to Agricultural Benefits negotiations. Chief and Council wish to clarify that the Nation entered into a negotiation protocol with Canada under previous leadership which governs the manner in which negotiations are conducted. Two important requirements of the negotiation protocol are: the negotiation team and confidentiality.

The parties can each bring their negotiation teams to negotiation meetings. Day Star First Nation's negotiation team includes Chief and Council, legal counsel, and a group of Elders, but it cannot include the entire membership. The negotiations will be guided by Elders and Chief and Council. We acknowledge that there was a Facebook post requesting emails to provide an update. This was a misunderstanding on our part, and we sincerely apologize for it. We believed we could invite more band members to observe this process. We met with Canada on May 12th, with no issues. In our point of view members of Day Star First Nation are not merely observers but rights holders.

Day Star is required by Canada to maintain confidentiality during the course of negotiations. Once we reach agreement with Canada on the terms of the settlement agreement, community information meetings will be held to explain the settlement agreement to all members. Membership will then vote whether to approve the settlement agreement at a ratification vote.

Sincerely,

Chief Whitehawk and Council

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