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**To:** Day Star First Nation (“Day Star”)  
**From:** Maurice Law  
**Date:** June 2025  
**Subject:** **Treaty 4 Agricultural Benefits Claim (aka “Cows & Plows”)**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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- 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.
- This Claim was finalized and submitted to the Specific Claims Branch in April 2023. 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 began and culminated in a formal offer of settlement from Canada on March 9, 2025, for \$31,585,134.
- Canada’s offer to settle cannot be accepted unless and until it is approved by a ratification vote of Day Star First Nation members.
- Before Chief and Council are legally able to set a date for the ratification vote and information meetings Canada and Day Star First Nation must conclude the technical documents that members will be required to vote on, including the Settlement Agreement.
- Day Star sent the anticipated final draft of the Settlement Agreement for Canada to initial (which is the final necessary step) in March 2025, however, Canada did not return an initialed copy before the May 2025 election was called. Once the election was called, Canada’s negotiators entered the “caretaker convention” under which they cannot conduct any business and conclude Settlement Agreement.
- Since the Federal election, Chief and Council and legal counsel have regularly and repeatedly urged Canada to complete its final step to conclude the Settlement Agreement since the election, but Canada negotiators have not yet been allowed to resume negotiations. We expect this matter to be resolved very soon and will provide a further update as soon as possible.