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Via email: eric.myketyn@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca

Eric Myketyn
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Dear Mr. Myketyn:

RE: Day Star First Nation Treaty 4 Agricultural Benefits Claim

I write today on behalf of my Council and the members of the Day Star First Nation to request an explanation for Canada's refusal to communicate regarding the Day Star First Nation Treaty 4 Agricultural Benefits Claim.

Our Nations had reached an agreement on this Claim in early 2025 when Day Star agreed to put Canada's March 9, 2025, offer to settle to our members for a ratification vote. The only remaining step was for Canada to "initial" the Settlement Agreement. This seemed to be a very minor administrative step, but Canada was ultimately not able or willing to complete it before the 2025 election was called on March 23.

Since that time, we have heard nothing from Canada. We have made numerous inquiries directly and through our legal counsel. Canada has offered no explanation whatsoever as to why there is a hold up and, at this stage, it seems that Canada is basically withdrawing from the settlement process that Canada itself initiated.

This is completely unacceptable in a Nation-to-Nation negotiation. Canada cannot continue to stonewall our requests for an update or explanation and expect us to wait indefinitely for negotiations to resume. As elected leaders of our Nation, we cannot continue to sit idly by.

Because of this, we have made the difficult decision to instruct our legal counsel to prepare a Declaration of Claim to be filed with the Specific Claims Tribunal by November 12, 2025, if we do not receive information about the cause of this delay, when or whether Canada ever intends to return and conclude negotiations in good faith, and how Canada proposes to account for the fact that its March 9, 2025, offer has declined in real value because of Canada's delay.

Your urgent attention to providing a response to this letter is appreciated in advance.

Sincerely,

Chief Lloyd Buffalo

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