



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

ACFN TREATY ANNUITIES SETTLEMENT

(prior to finalization of the Settlement)

QUESTION/TOPIC	ANSWER
Annuities	
<i>What is a Treaty Annuity?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treaty payments are the annual "\$5" payments from Canada.
<i>What is this settlement about?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic (past) treaty losses of the \$5 annual payment; not being increased with inflation since 1899 until 2025. • This is <u>not</u> about future annuity payments; that will be a separate negotiation. • Also includes historic settlement for ammunition, twine and suits of clothing promised in Treaty 8.
<i>How much are we getting?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More details will be provided once the Settlement Agreement is complete.
<i>Am I still getting \$5 a year?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACFN is entering a new round of negotiations to determine the new amount going forward, including inflation. •
<i>How much are we paying legal for this? Are they working on a contingency fee?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our legal is not working on a contingency basis. • The negotiation and legal fees will be finalized once the process is complete. C&C monitor the budget closely.

<p><i>If we settle, are we selling our Treaty Rights?</i></p> <p><i>Are we giving up our Treaty Rights?</i></p> <p><i>Are we selling our land?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No to all. • ACFN’s treaty annuities claim is not in relation to land. • By settling this claim, ACFN is not “selling” or “signing away” these Treaty promises. • ACFN is holding Canada accountable and making them fulfill these Treaty promises.
<p><i>Individual Right vs. Collective Right</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While individuals are entitled to \$5, the annuity payment, and the compensation amount now being offered, is considered a collective benefit to ACFN. • The bulk of the settlement monies is in relation to ACFN’s high population in 1899 to the early 1920s AND the fact that the BC Hydro Trust was set up in the early 2000s. •
<p><i>How long has ACFN been working on this Annuities Claim?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The groundwork was laid in the early 2000s • In 2020, ACFN started working on this again, and filed a claim in 2022. • Negotiations have been ongoing for the past 3 years.

Per Capita Distributions	
<i>How much are we getting for a PCD?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An amount is yet to be determined by C&C • At this point, we are looking for feedback from our Members to help inform C&C's decision-making. • Stay tuned for details/info
<i>Will this PCD effect my AISH or Income Support?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No there is an exemption for a one-time, one-payment PCD so long as the PCD is equal to all Members • If the payments are not equal, C&C will have to advocate to the provincial government to make an exception. This would take time and create delays in PCD payouts.
<i>If I have a child next year, are they entitled to a PCD?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children born after the date of distribution will receive an annual PCD related to this, but not the one-time payment. • To receive the one-time PCD, you must be alive and on ACFN's membership list on the date of ratification. • C&C is considering allowing Minors who are alive on the date of ratification and subsequently become a ACFN member to receive a PCD.
<p><i>My parent family member recently passed, what happens with their PCD? Can I get their PCD?</i></p> <p><i>Does C&C pocket the extra money?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To qualify for a PCD the Member must be alive and on ACFN's Membership list at the time of distribution. • C&C are Members just like everyone else, and are subject the limitations set out in the Trust Agreement. There is no "extra money"

<i>Can I get my kids' PCDs?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be determined, but we know directly how the Minors Trust in Ag Benefits helped so many young people. • Legally, if the PCD is \$25K or more, the PCD must automatically go into a Trust.
<i>Are we going to be presented options for PCDs like other Nations have done in the past?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time is of the essence, especially with the instability of the Federal government currently. • This is not ACFN's "first rodeo" when it comes to Settlement planning (Ag Ben). • Prior to finalizing the settlement and financial plan, Members are welcome to give input to C&C.
<i>Will Member input be considered in C&C's decision on the PCD?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, we are planning on receiving input via surveys, information meetings, etc. • But always contact C&C with your input, and welcome to email info@acfn.com with questions & comments.
<i>What if my family member passes away after the ratification but before the actual date of PCD?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive the PCD, one must be alive and on the Membership list on the date of ratification. • If a family member passes after the ratification, the PCD would go to the Estate of the deceased member
<i>What if a family member transfers over to ACFN, will they be entitled to it?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive the PCD, one must be alive and on the Membership list on the date of ratification. • If family members transfer to ACFN after the ratification, they would not receive the one-time PCD, but would be eligible for the annual PCDs.
<i>Does C&C get a higher PCD than everyone else?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. • There is no provision in this settlement for C&C to get a higher PCD payment,

	because this settlement is about the collective benefit, not the individual right.
<i>Are my non-status family members who are not ACFN eligible to receive PCDs?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. • Only ACFN Members on the ACFN Membership List on the date of ratification are eligible for the PCD.
<i>If I owe money to the Band, will I still get my full PCD?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. • As per the policy, if there is a debt owed to ACFN and the Member has not set up a payment plan, then the full debt will be deducted from the PCD (even if it's the full PCD amount). • If a Member has set up a payment plan, then the Member will receive half their PCD or will have the amount owing deducted, and receive the remainder.

RATIFICATION PROCESS	
<i>When is the ratification date?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiming for a ratification date mid to late April, but yet to be finalized. • Legal, Canada and C&C still need to finalize documents like... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Settlement Agreement ○ Finance Policy ○ Trust Agreement, etc.
<i>Will there be an electronic voting option?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, that's the plan. • Please ensure your email with ACFN is up to date.
<i>How will we know what we are actually voting on?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Member engagement, C&C will work with legal and finance to create a finance plan. • We will be sending out voting information packages via email (there will be some available for pick up as well, and Seniors will be mailed their package). • Then we will have an "Information Session" to share the plan that C&C is recommending for ratification. • Legal and a financial advisor will be present for this Info Session.
<i>What is needed for the ratification to pass?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25%+1 of the electorate needs to vote yes, • AND then a majority of those who vote need to vote yes.
<i>What does a "no" vote mean?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada would consider a no vote as a rejection of its offer. • Theoretically, Canada may agree to let C&C may go back to the drawing table and put a new plan together for another ratification, but... • Realistically, we have one "kick at the can" here; if there is a new federal

	<p>government it may stall the process, even indefinitely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Then we would have to wait for a possible change in government to restart the process or pursue the claim through the Specific Claims Tribunal.
<p><i>What is going to be included in the Ratification package?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement Agreement • Trust Agreement • Finance Code • Summaries of each document • FAQ