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Date: March 30, 2021

To: Chiefs and Trustees of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund

From: Litigation Management Committee (LMC)

RE: **Annuities Litigation Update – Stage 1 Appeal Hearing**

The Ontario Court of Appeal has set the times for hearing the Ontario appeal of the Stage 1 Decision. The dates for the hearing are as follows:

- April 13, 2021, starting at approximately 9:30 AM – virtual opening ceremonies will be conducted by Elder Leroy Bennett. Should the time for the virtual ceremonies change, the Legal Team will notify us.
- April 13, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM – the main parties will make opening statements, starting with Ontario (2 hours), Canada (15 mins), RHT Anishinaabek (50 mins) and Red Rock and Whitesand Plaintiffs (50 mins).
- April 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 28, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM each day – these are the dates set for the main submissions. Since Ontario is appealing the Stage 1 Decision, it starts first and has almost 3 full days to make its submissions, on April 20, 21 and 22. The Blood Tribe, an Intervener, goes next at the end of the day on April 22, for 20 mins. Then Canada, with 1 hour for submissions, will start on April 22 and continue until 23rd. The RHT Anishinaabek have 6 hours and 10 mins to make submissions on April 23rd and 26th. Thereafter, the Red Rock and Whitesand Plaintiffs make their submissions and have 6 hours and 15 mins. After that, there will be a number of other Interveners (AFN, Indigenous Bar Association, Union of BC Indian Chiefs) making their submissions and Ontario will finish the hearing on April 28th with a 1 and ½ hour Reply.

The entire hearing will be held virtually. Our lawyers have been authorized by the Court of Appeal to share the link below and you can share it as well. However, we are reminded that **it is strictly prohibited to record the proceedings**. Please note the following warning from the Court:

Unless permission is given by the court, it is an offence under s. 136 of the Courts of Justice Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, punishable by a fine of not more than \$25,000 or imprisonment of up to six months, or both, to record any part of the hearing, including by way of screenshot/capture and photograph, as well as to publish, broadcast, reproduce or disseminate any such recording.

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Zoom Link:

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If you miss the zoom, it will be accessible by archives, we will update you with access information soon. Our Legal Team will attend the Ontario Court of Appeal hearings via video conference from the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current. Currently, because Manitoulin Island is deemed grey zone, it is not possible for our Chiefs and our people to attend at the Hotel. As it stands now, only the Legal Team and the First Tel technicians will be allowed in the hotel. If the COVID situation changes, we will send out an advisory.

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Mike Restoule, Chair
LMC