



NETMIZAAGGAMIG NISHNAABEG

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TO THE MEMBERSHIP

On behalf of the Chief and Council; I am writing to update the Membership on the Annuity case as it pertains to Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg.

In July 2024, the Supreme Court of Canada directed that Canada and Ontario had until January 2025 to negotiate a settlement amount for compensation owed to the Lake Superior Anishinaabeg for past breaches of the annuities promise. An offer of \$3.6 billion was made by Ontario and Canada to the Lake Superior Chiefs; this was not accepted. The Supreme Court also said that if the First Nations were not satisfied with the amount offered, they could bring it before Justice Hennessey for consideration. This was done in June 2025.

Justice Hennessey released her decision on February 27 2026. She found that the Crowns exercised discretion in determining that the \$3.6 billion was reasonable and that it should not be interfered with by the court; she therefore did not increase the amount.

We understand that the Membership may be disappointed that the amount was not increased, but there are sections of the decision that are very favourable to NN. Specifically Justice Hennessey confirmed that NN's share of the past compensation is secure at 7.38%, and that the money will be earning interest from January 2025 until the date that it is paid out.

We respectfully ask for patience as this decision will require careful review by legal counsels and community leadership, and discussion with the other 11 Lake Superior First Nations.

Attached for your information are Frequently Asked Questions to assist you in understanding this complex process.

We will keep members advised and will be setting up community meetings in the very near future.