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2017 | COMMUNIQUE
A COMMUNITY UPDATE



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Raspberry Moon



“

The seventh moon of Creation is Raspberry Moon, when great changes begin. By learning gentleness and kindness, we may pass through the thorns of its brush and harvest its fruit, as we gain knowledge that will help in raising our families.

”

On behalf of the trustees of the **Edkaagmik Nbiizh Neyaashiinigamiingninwag Edbendaagzijig Trust**, **Bill Young, Paul Jones, Larissa Johnston and Lana Landon**, I am excited to share with you our first communicate available in print and online.

My name is **Elisa Levi** and I am a community elected trustee in my second term (2015-2019).



Firstly, it is important to recognize how this trust came to be. The settlement was finalized in 2012 with the Chippewas of Nawash receiving \$29,626,424 from the government of Canada. This claim concerned the wrongful taking of the Coldwater-Narrows Reserve in 1836. It was approximately 10,000 acres in size and ran in a narrow strip of land,

about 14 miles long by 1.5 miles wide, along an old portage route between present-day Orillia and Matchedash Bay on Lake Huron in Ontario.

The Chippewas of Nawash was one of four First Nations (Mnjikaning, Beausoleil, Georgina Island) involved in a Land Claim. 10% of the Coldwater Community Members joined our band membership in the time of transition. Because of this migration - the Trust is in place today for the long term benefit of all of our members. In 1991, the claim was formally filed with the federal government. While Canada initially rejected the claim in 1996, it was eventually accepted in 2002. Ten years of hard negotiations led to this historic outcome.

We have been investing since the community disbursements in 2013.

2017 proposals are due:
AUGUST 25, 2017
 4:30 PM (EST)



The Trust funds are invested into two separate portfolios. One is managed by Guardian Capital while the other is managed by Dixon Mitchell. The investment returns generated by both portfolios – dividend and interest payments and capital gains – constitute the income produced by the Trust. A small percentage of this income is used to pay for the investment managers’ fees and other administration expenses.

What’s left is termed Net Income and every year the Trustees distribute as much of this amount as possible to community members and programs, by way of approved applications and projects.

Any remaining Net Income not paid out for approved projects is paid over to Band Council as directed by the Trust Agreement.

The trustees act independently of our First Nations Band in managing the trust for the benefit of all membership of Chippewas of Nawash.

I encourage you to find out more about operational details and the proposal application process by visiting:

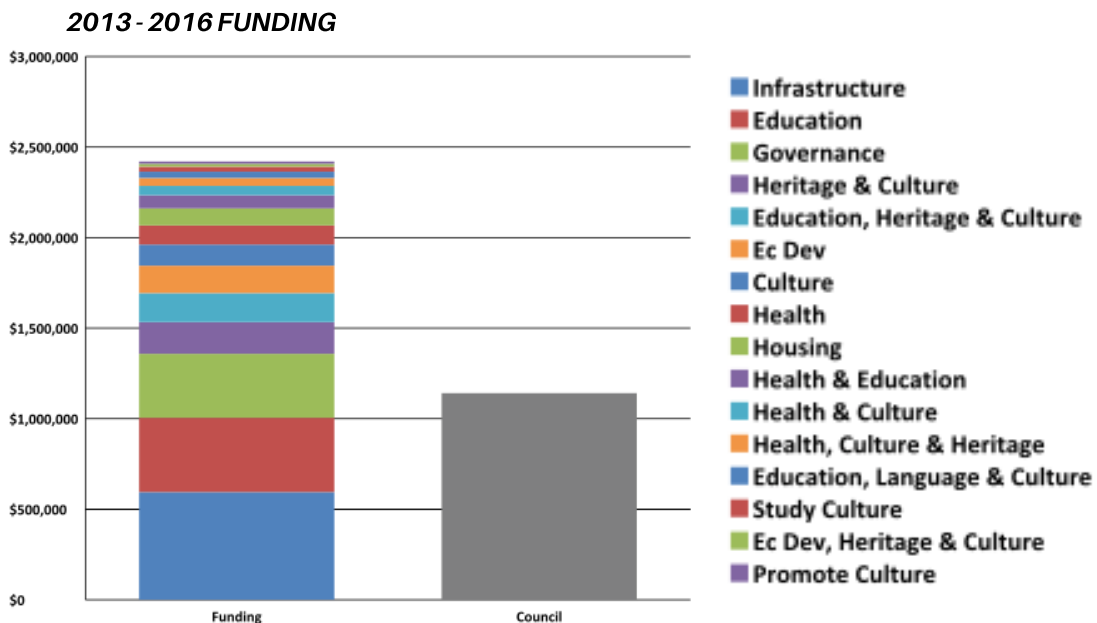
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All My Relations,

Elisa Levi

FUNDING 2013 - 2016

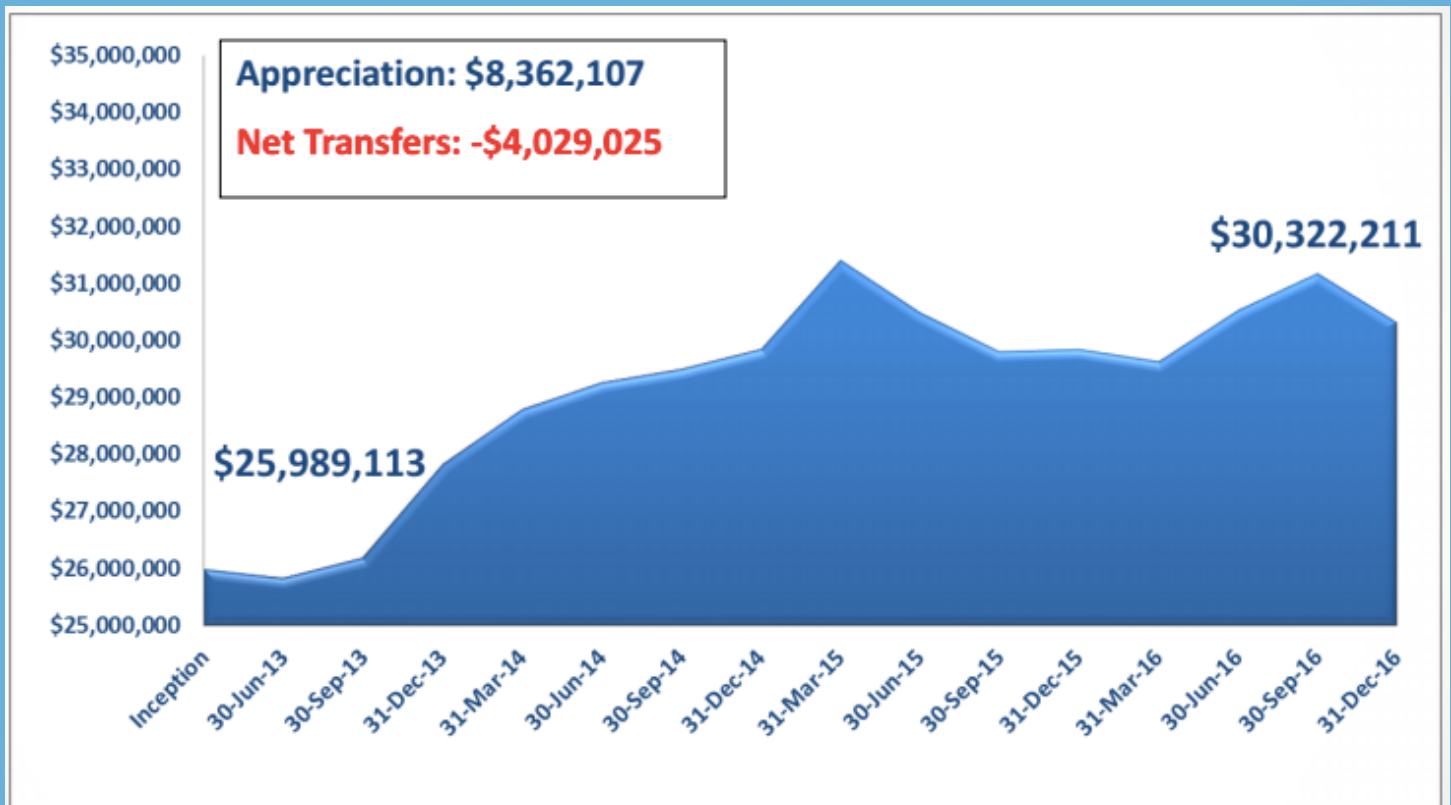
What has funding supported since the trust started generating revenue in 2013?



**Funds that have not been distributed via proposal process as per the Trust Agreement are given to the Chippewas of Nawash*

Portfolio VALUATION

2013 - 2016



Valuations may differ slightly to other financial reporting as a result of differences in accrual rates and foreign exchange conversion rates

AFTER THE PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION TO BAND MEMBERS WE INVESTED 26M



Q & A

What does

"RESPONSIBLE INVESTING"



mean?

Over 50 years ago, the beginnings of Socially Responsible Investing (also known as SRI) became evident when religious organizations and trade unions forbade investing in shares of companies that were contrary to their values. For example, alcohol and tobacco companies, along with companies that supported apartheid or abused Indigenous and workers human rights, were excluded from investment portfolios.

Recently, when the Dakota Access Pipeline was announced, the Standing Rock Sioux and other Native American tribes along with First Nations and mainstream communities expressed major concerns about the lack of consultation and specific risks to water. The firms both directly and indirectly involved in running the project found themselves under pressure to either stop the project completely, or modify their entire approach and manage it environmentally, socially, and governance-wise in a way that was acceptable to everyone.

The Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) organization believes that an economically efficient, sustainable global financial system is a necessity for long-term value creation. Such a system will reward long-term, responsible investment and benefit the environment and society as a whole. What began as Socially Responsible Investing is also called Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investing, and today it's commonly known as Responsible Investing (RI).

What this means is that there is investment in companies and governments that the investor believes best hold to values primarily of financial importance to the investor. These values may include environmental sustainability, consumer protection, religious beliefs, and human rights issues relating to employees and Indigenous peoples. These areas of concern can be summarized as "Environmental, Social and Governance" and is referred to as ESG investing. The Responsible Investing approach is to invest in stocks and bonds from companies and Provinces that promote certain beneficial actions, and avoid those which participate in offending actions.

To find out more about Responsible Investing this website has comprehensive information:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socially_responsible_investing

The Edkaagmik Nbiizh Neyaashiinigamiingninwag Edbendaagzijig Trust deed includes an investment clause that directs the Trustees to have a Statement of Investment Policies & Guidelines (also known as an Investment Policy Statement (IPS)). The IPS has both general and specific guidelines and mandates for the investment managers to follow when making their specific investment decisions. The IPS also provides for the Trustees to develop a customized ESG policy that meets the values and objectives of the Community. The investment managers that currently manage the Trusts funds, Guardian Capital and Dixon-Mitchell; have very defined ESG criteria included in all of their individual stocks and bond security selections. They believe that companies that have - and continually improve - ESG practices will yield profitability while reducing risk in their long-term financial performance.

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T.E. Wealth's dedicated Aboriginal Services practice provides comprehensive investment and trust advisory services to the Edkaagmik Nbiizh Neyaashiinigamiingninwag Edbendaagzijig Trust



CHI-MIIGWETCH and G'WAABMIN,

This month will be the last month of my position as an elected trustee for the **Edkaagmik Nbiizh Neyaashiinigamiingwag Edbendaagzijig Trust** (aka Coldwater Trust). I extend a big thank you to the nominators of my last run and of the upcoming election. It has been with careful thought and consideration I have decided not to run in the next election. I have some new and exciting endeavors that I would like to devote more time to.

I consider myself truly blessed to have been able to be a part of something that has so much potential for our First Nation.

I would like to thank all the band members and the fellow trustees who have guided and supported me during this leg of my journey. It has been inspiring and I wish all the best to my fellow trustees while they continue to put forth their very best efforts in the administration of this trust. I will always be open to assisting them when I can.

G'waabmin,

Larissa Johnston





ELECTIONS

AUGUST · 3 - 4 · 2017

The Trust is administered by a Board of 5 Trustees. There are 2 Trustees elected by the members, 2 appointees of Chief and Council and 1 Corporate Trustee.

This year, the Trust is hosting an election for one community elected Trustee. Nominations were held on June 22, 2017. The nominees have until July 28, 2017 date to confirm if their name will stand in the election for 1 (one) - four year term.

The election is on August 3-4, 2017.

There will be two voting methods to cast a ballot.

This includes:

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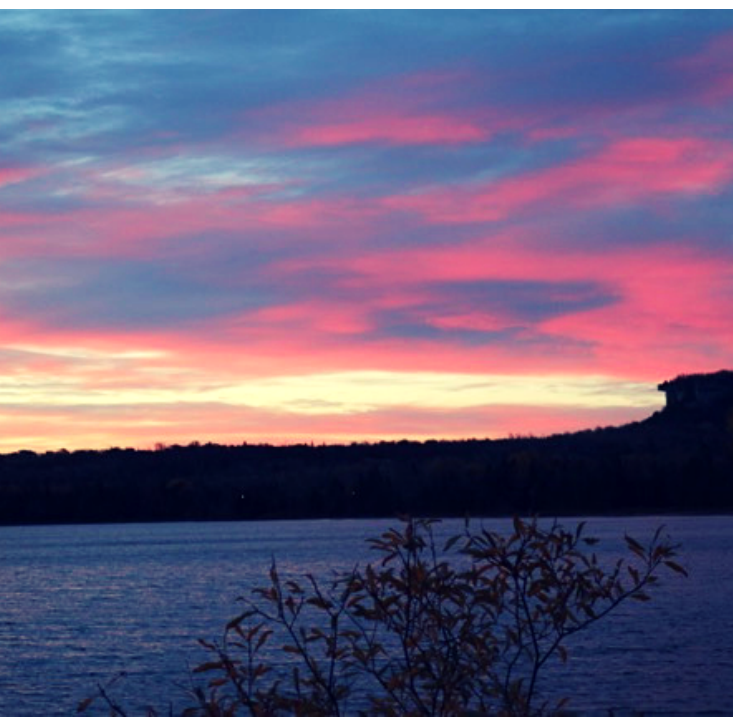
In person voting on
AUGUST 4, 2017
at Economic Development
from 12:00 - 8:00 PM (EST)

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Online voting on August 3, 2017
visit the link below to find out
more:

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The Electoral officer is Martha Pedoniquotte.



MINOR NOTICE

If you are a parent with a child under the age of 18, the following is the criteria for their Per Capita Distribution.

Any child who was a Member of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation on the **Effective Date (the beginning date of the Trust) of December 11, 2012 or was entitled to be a Member on that date**, is eligible for the Per Capita Distribution in the amount of \$1,800.00 each.

Eligible children will have their Per Capita Distribution held in trust for them until their 18th birthday.

The money will be held in the Trust Account and will be invested along with the other Trust money, sharing in the income, dividends and capital gains that the entire trust earns.

On the child's 18th birthday, they are entitled to receive an amount equal to \$1,800.00 plus all interest, dividends and net capital gains up to and including the end of the month immediately before the month of their birthday.

If you have a child with an 18th birthday in 2017, please contact the Corporate Trustee at the contact information below to arrange for the payment. You will need to provide a copy of one piece of photo ID, back and front (cannot be the Ontario Health Card), a request for payment signed by the child with instructions to mail or deposit the funds, and an address to send the cheque or a VOID cheque or Bank Form if you want the payment deposited to a bank account in the child's name.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

of the Trust Funds that are distributed

PROJECTS

Projects should sustain and improve community infrastructure and/or address the community's social, economical and physical needs (and per the authorized uses of the Trust) such as:

- To acquire land for the benefit of the First Nation
- To advance the education of the Members
- To promote the health of the Members
- To promote economic development of the First Nation and/or its corporations
- To preserve or protect the culture and heritage of the First Nation
- To improve infrastructure on Reserve lands or on lands owned by the First Nation or by one of its corporations or this Trust
- To provide for housing needs
- To provide funding for enhancing governance

For more information about the 2017 Applications and the Information Handbooks please visit:

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