

March 7, 2024

Four Pillars Society (FPS) Band Class Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Cliff Fregin, I am the recently appointed Executive Director of the **Four Pillars Society (FPS)**. This update is for the 325 First Nation members that signed on to the class action lawsuit – Gottfriedson case. Resulting in the \$2.8B settlement for the loss of language, culture, heritage, and well-being in First Nation communities as a whole.

There are a number of reasons for this update, first, is to let you know that FPS, will be releasing 'planning funds' in the amount of \$200,000 to each Band Class member in the second week of April (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>); for the purpose of each community to plan for their Four Pillars funding in the next five to ten years. We recommend developing a ten-year plan, which indicates where your future funding in language, culture, heritage and well-being will be targeted and expended.

Second, we will be sending out a separate email notice to recruit five (5) Board members from the Band Class members. The following directors need to be appointed by May 9, 2024:

- British Columbia – Yukon (one director)
- Alberta – Northwest Territories (one director)
- Saskatchewan (one director)
- Manitoba (one director)
- Ontario – Quebec – Atlantic (one director).

This package will be comprehensive, please review and nominate a director.

Finally, we need your banking details, Bank, transit number, and account number; in order to e-transfer funds directly to your banking account. Please note that if your First Nation (Band) will be using another Band entity or organization to administer these planning funds. Please provide a Band Council Resolution (BCR) or equivalent documentation, instructing Four Pillars Society to direct the funding there.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at this email. Please forward your banking details and any other documentation to my Project Officer Miranda Fleming at [mfleming@fps-lchw.ca](mailto:mfleming@fps-lchw.ca)

Looking forward to this exciting opportunity and journey in supporting language, culture, heritage and well-being revitalization in your First Nation communities.

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