



An Update from Chief and Council regarding clarification of a Canadian Press News Item

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A recent news story entitled "*Legal Fees, expenses and mystery band eat up millions in native Rama cash*" by Sue Bailey of The Canadian Press" which ran on May 19, 2008 in the Orillia Packet and Times, Toronto Star, Globe & Mail and many newspapers across the country, questioned the allocation of funds provided through Casino Rama Revenue sharing by the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP).

Chief and Council wish to clarify that our community is not responsible for the distribution of Casino Rama Net Revenue sharing nor are we part of the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership. The OFNLP is the board which distributes funding according to the protocol developed by all of the other First Nations.

The media story that appeared strictly deals with

spending patterns by the OFNLP and is not connected to our community in any way.

Chief and Council provide regular financial reports to the community, including Casino Rama Revenues, and most recently in presentation of the audited annual Financial Report at a community meeting held on Wednesday, May 28th, 2008 in the Community Room at the MASK. We are proud of the record of accountability we have in this regard.

We are audited on an annual basis by a reputable accounting firm and ensure that our reporting to government services at all levels is accurate. This record enables our community to take full advantage of the programs and services available to us through education, health, facilities and other government programs.



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An Update from Chief and Council regarding the 35% - 20% Trial

At this time, the trial has concluded and the decision is in the hands of Chief Superior Court Justice Arthur Gans. Justice Gans has up to six months to render and write his decision.

We would also like to advise that, at the direction of the court another attempt at mediation was undertaken with the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership. This was done with the assistance of Mr. George Erasmus, former National Chief for the Assembly of First Nations, and Justice Colin Campbell.

Despite our numerous attempts, mediation failed to produce a settlement. However, we continue to remain open to resolving this outside the court process if possible.

Chief and Council would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of the witnesses who spent many hours in preparation and for the trial.

On behalf of Chief and Council and the entire community, we extend our sincere Gchi Miigwech.