



Chief Brendan Mitchell
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Dear Chief Mitchell:

Apologies for the delay in responding. At your request, you will find enclosed a draft press release for your consideration to announce the reconsideration of applications for Veterans and active Canadian Armed Forces service members through a new agreement to be co-developed with the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation and the Federation of Newfoundland Indians.

Additionally, I am responding to your request to provide more information on Canada's decision regarding the exploratory discussions as they pertain to members of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians and their affiliates. After much consideration, Canada has decided to pause further discussion of reconsideration options for founding membership for individuals who held a membership in the Federation of Newfoundland Indians and their affiliates due to the active litigation on the validity of the 2013 Supplemental Agreement. This decision is not one that has been taken lightly but following many attempts to finalize enrolment to the Qalipu band, direction from the Courts will be instructive.

While waiting your reply on the implementation of the reconsideration process for Veterans and active service members, we will continue to work with you on outstanding enrolment initiatives being discussed at the Implementation Committee table.

Sincerely,

Lori Doran
Director General, Individual Affairs Branch
Indigenous Services Canada

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