

Help spread the word about the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities Case

TO COMPENSATE FOR THE SHARING OF LANDS AND resources and to share in the wealth created in the territory, the Robinson-Huron Treaty contains an annuity which guarantees an annual payment to Treaty beneficiaries. A provision was included in the Treaty to anticipate annuity increases as resource revenues grew. The annuity increased from \$1.60 to \$4 once in 1874 but has not changed since. By failing to increase the annuity since 1874, the Crown has broken their Treaty promise, and has not upheld their financial obligation to the beneficiaries of the Robinson-Huron Treaty.

Because of failure on the part of Canada and Ontario to uphold their Treaty obligations, the First Nations of the Robinson-Huron Treaty

formed the Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund in 2010 to pursue negotiations related to the Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuities Claim.

In Phase One of litigation, Justice Patricia Hennessy, of the Ontario Superior Court, ruled in favour of the Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund in a groundbreaking decision. Ontario appealed this decision, but Canada did not. In Phase Two of litigation, Justice Patricia Hennessy again ruled in favour of the Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund and rejected the technical defences relating to Crown immunity and statutes of limitations. Phase Three of litigation begins in September 2021 and will deal with issues of compensation and repairing the Treaty relationship.

How can I show my support?

We're looking for supporters to help spread the message and call on Canada and Ontario to uphold their Treaty obligations to the beneficiaries of the Robinson-Huron Treaty by settling the Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuities case and engaging in good faith negotiations on the terms of compensation. Use your social media channels to help us spread the message.

- Post on your social media channels using the **#RHT1850** and **#RHW** hashtags. For example, post about why it is important to you that Canada and Ontario settle the Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuities case, and uphold their obligations as Treaty partners.
- Retweet and share posts with the **#RHT1850** and **#RHW** hashtag made by other users.
- Retweet and share posts from **@1850RHTreaty** and **@RobinsonHuronTreatyAnnuity1850**

What should I share?

Below are some sample posts you can share, or you can write your own posts using the hashtag **#RHT1850** and **#RHW**.

Join thousands of others and sign this petition demanding Ontario become a more honourable Treaty partner to the #RHT1850 First Nations by abandoning their plan to appeal decisions in Phase 1 and 2 of the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities case: <https://www.change.org/p/tell-ontario-to-honour-and-uphold-the-robinson-huron-treaty-of-1850>

Canada's next budget needs to make space for upholding Treaty obligations. Settlement of the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities case will benefit all Treaty partners, and increase economic prosperity in local communities in the Treaty territory. Learn more: <https://www.robinsonhurontreaty1850.com/news>

All Canadians benefit from treaties and have an obligation to uphold the responsibilities outlined in them. The Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund is calling on Canada and Ontario to uphold their Treaty obligations. Add your voice: <https://www.change.org/p/tell-ontario-to-honour-and-uphold-the-robinson-huron-treaty-of-1850>

Ontario appealed the Phase 1 & 2 decisions of Justice Hennessy in the Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuities case. Tell Ontario to abandon its appeals and uphold its Treaty obligations by signing and sharing the petition: <https://www.change.org/p/tell-ontario-to-honour-and-uphold-the-robinson-huron-treaty-of-1850>

Sign and share the petition

Dr. Elizabeth Carlson, a professor of social work at Laurentian University and students Jamie-Leigh LeTourneau and Amanda Deforge have launched a petition calling on Ontario to honour and uphold the Robinson-Huron Treaty, and abandon its appeals of Justice Hennessey's decisions in Phase 1 and 2 of the annuities case.

Sign the petition [here](#), and encourage others to sign it by sharing the petition on social media.

Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund shareables

Use our social media images to help spread the word and advocate for Canada and Ontario to uphold their Treaty obligations.

You can download a series of shareables directly to social media platforms here:

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