

Clench Fraud Trust

Newsletter Spring 2015

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Recent Activities

CHRISTMAS GESTURE

Christmas Gesture 2014 was a great success with 1015 households that accessed the program. We were able to distribute \$150 per household for a total of \$152, 250.00.



A special thank you to all those who made the X-Mas Gesture pick up and Vote Day such a success with seamless effort and smiles.

CHRISTMAS GESTURE- EARLY BIRD DRAW

For those who submitted their application before the early bird deadline their names were placed in a draw of 10 prizes for \$150. Congrats to the winners listed below:

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| 1. Donna Majeski – Illinois | 6. Kimberly Bernard – Kapuskasing |
| 2. Debra Mains – Michigan | 7. Franklin Blackwell – Mississauga |
| 3. Gary Riley – Nevada | 8. Alexandra Collar – Niagara Falls |
| 4. Amber Albert – Hamilton | 9. Ether Deleary – Muncey |
| 5. Lorie Arias – London | 10. Corey Dockstator – London |

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

This year CFT sponsored the event held by CSI. There was a wonderful turn out with many families enjoying the activities, food and gifts for the children. Great feedback was received from those who participated and much appreciation.





Up Coming Events

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1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM MAY 2, 2015 @ 9 am
Community Centre 9 am lunch provided

We will be having our AGM on May 2, 2015 at 9 am. This year it will be in partnership with Big Bear Creek Trust as part of a cost sharing and time management strategy. There will be door prizes, refreshments and lots of discussion. There will also be a live interactive webcast so be sure to get involved so we can hear your voice.

Live stream on May 2, 2015:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/COTTFNwebstream>

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Based on the 3 year Strategic Plan a focus of Economic Development has been determined for this year. Details for the call for proposals can be found on page 5. In addition, a series of workshops will be available for all members to participate. These workshops will be aimed at supporting and informing community members who are interested in Economic Development. Dates and topics to be announced.

3. TRUSTEE ELECTION 2015

This is an election year for Trustees. Stay tuned for further information regarding vote process. If you are interested in running and would like more information on Roles & Responsibilities of Trustees, please contact the office or attend the information session details TBA.

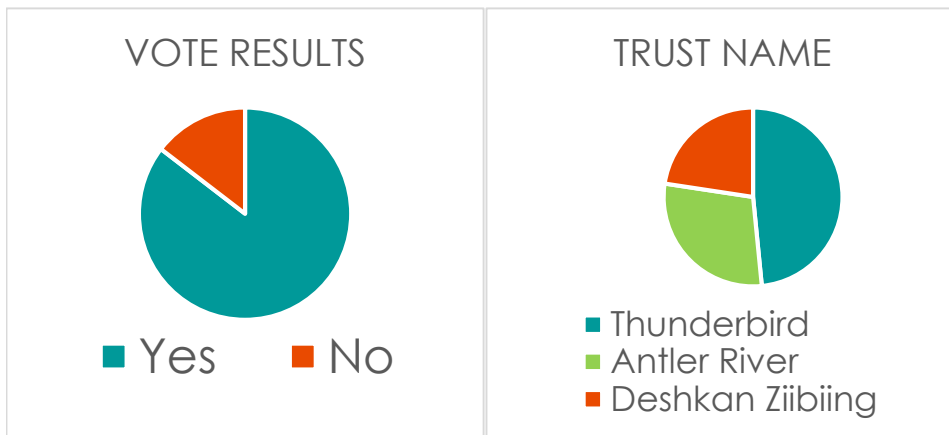
Trust Amendment Vote Results

Results for the Amendment Vote, changes, winners & next steps?

TRUST AMENDMENT VOTE & NEW NAME

We are pleased to announce the results of the vote below. It has been a long road for those involved with many hours and resources dedicated to modernizing the Trust with greater accountability and transparency. With this brings a name change to the Trust which will be phased in over the next while Chi Miigwech to all involved.

VOTE RESULTS		NAME CHANGE RESULTS	
Yes	891	Thunderbird	480
No	152	Antler River	287
Total Votes	1043	Deshkan Ziibiing	224



WINNERS

- Yvonne Albert – Muncey ON \$1000
- Larry French – Muncey ON \$1000
- Brenda Riley – Muncey ON \$1000
- Paul Hendrick Sr. – Muncey ON \$1000
- Thomas Anderson – Chatham ON \$1000
- Danielle Grosbeck – Muncey ON \$500
- John Babel – Clinton MI \$500

WINNERS OF THE AMENDMENT VOTE DRAW

In December there was a draw for members who cast a ballot for 5 prizes of \$1000. What perfect timing for those who won with Christmas around the corner. Heartfelt gratitude was the response for those who received the winnings. When the vote was extended a second draw took place with 2 prizes of \$500. All who cast a ballot previous to the deadline and all new ballots were placed into the draw.



NEXT STEPS

PHASING IN CHANGES AND REBRANDING

Changes made to the amendment will require internal work and implementation by the Trustees. One notable change will be the rebranding with the **NEW** name of **Thunderbird Trust**. Download the revised trust agreement at www.clenchfraudtrust.ca or we will mail a copy upon request.

Evaluation Survey Results

Community feedback and overall results.

EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS – DECEMBER 2014

A survey was given out at the Cheque pick-up/Amendment Vote Day on December 6, 2014. A total of 168 surveys were filled out. Questions concerning communications, governance, and knowledge and understanding of Trust Agreement were asked of Beneficiaries.

The trust scored highest in the communications area with 60% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing with communication methods of the CFT with the newsletter scoring the highest results having 74% of respondents agreeing/strongly agreeing it contained the information they want to know about in terms of trust activities.

The area scoring the lowest was knowledge and understanding of the Trust Agreement with 48.5% either neutral/disagree/strongly disagreeing that they felt confident about their knowledge of the Trust agreement. However, 66% felt the trust was making an effort to educate beneficiaries about the agreement. The trustees will have to explore different ways of explaining the agreement to better help beneficiaries understand it.

Knowledge & Understand Trust Agreement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
KNOWLEDGE - Overall, I feel confident about my knowledge and understanding of the Trust agreement	3.5%	11%	33.5%	33.5%	11%	7%
HISTORY - I know the history of the claim	5%	10%	28%	32%	14%	11%
EDUCATION - The trust educates beneficiaries by providing info. about the agreement and its history	3%	4%	25.5%	46%	12.5%	7%
Knowledge Overall	3.5%	8%	29%	37%	12.5%	8%
Governance	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
TRANSPARENCY - Overall, trustee decisions about project funding are clear	2%	12%	29%	39%	10%	7%
APPLICATION PROCESS - The process for funding is easy to understand for all members to apply	3%	12%	26%	38%	10%	10%
ADMINISTRATION - Administration of the trust is consistent and conducted fairly by trustees and staff	2%	7%	28%	41%	9%	10%
POLICIES - Policies and procedures for CFT programs support beneficiaries and purposes of the trust	2%	7%	28%	40%	9%	12%
Governance Overall	2%	9.5%	28%	40%	9.5%	10%
Communications	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
NEWSLETTER - The bi-annual newsletter contains info. I want to know about the Trust and activities	3%	4%	13%	50%	24%	6%
SOCIAL MEDIA - Use of social media, like FACEBOOK, is a great way to get up-to-date info.	5%	4%	19%	34%	27%	8%
COMMUNITY MEETINGS - The annual community meetings are informative	2%	2%	20%	44%	13%	10%
OFFICE COMMUNICATION - The communication directly with office by phone or in-person is helpful	2%	6%	23%	40%	13%	10%
ACCESSIBLE - The trustees and staff are accessible and open to feedback	2%	5%	17%	47%	16%	8%
WEBSITE - The website content is informative and reports activities	1%	4%	22%	43%	20%	12.5%
Communication Overall	2.5%	4%	19%	43%	19%	9%
OVERALL - I feel informed of Clench Fraud Trust decisions that impact the beneficiaries	4%	5%	20%	44%	16%	8%

Call for Proposals

Economic Development

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCESS

CFT has chosen to focus solely on Ec. Dev. this year. NEW/EXISTING BUSINESSES & YOUTH entrepreneurship initiatives will be available. There will be a series of workshops to build skill base. Participation in workshops will be mandatory (in person or online) for those applying, however they will be open to all members. Applications are available online or by request from the office.

NEW/EXISTING BUSINESSES & YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

CFT has set aside a total allocation of \$50,000 for up to 10 member businesses to access. CFT anticipates funding 5 existing and 5 new businesses from this initiative. Youth Entrepreneurship will be announced separately as details emerge for a summer initiative.

1. Community members who wish to start a new business or own an established business may apply.
2. CFT will provide non-repayable funding of up to \$5,000 (details in application)
3. Each application will be evaluated individually as this is an open call process.
4. Must clearly demonstrate: viability(i.e. business plan); benefits; and own source revenue investment

Applications will NOT be accepted from businesses or individuals owing money to CFT. Approval is also conditional upon reporting results and volunteer participation in future strategies (where applicable).

CFT will NOT be accepting applications for funding outside of this initiative.

Project Updates

Lil NHL, Yoga, Housing Project

Lil' NHL 2015

SUMMARY

The children and youth developed skills and made memories that will last a lifetime. The coaching staff and players would like to thank you for your support. Our teams appreciate the work and dedication that Clench Fraud Trust provides to our community.

STATS

34 families
44 participants
7 COTTFN teams
7 Divisions

- Tyke
- Novice
- Atom
- Peewee Girls
- Peewee Boys
- Bantam Girls
- Midget Girls

1 Gold
4 Silver

Memories=Priceless



YOGA

SUMMARY

FN Yoga project goal to benefit overall wellness of communities. 17 First Nations people between the ages on 22-65 years graduated as yoga teachers with combined funding. Thank you CFT for your support and contribution.



HOUSING

"I was able to reduce my heating cost by almost 85% this winter due to the funding I received from Clench. Thanks so much!"
Dwayne Kecheho



Looking for Members - Help us Find Them

We are working to locate these members or confirm dates of death for records and/or outstanding payments. Some have simply moved away or are deceased & we need your help. If you have any info on the following members please let us know.

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE of BIRTH</u>
1.	Albert, Mildred	1918
2.	Anderson, Mrs. Thomas (Hilda May Colbert)	1910
3.	Coco Ford, Kathleen	1951
4.	Deleary, Karen Louise	1957
5.	Deleary, Ruth Ann	1942
6.	Deleary, Stanley Gordon	1951
7.	Doan, Susan Victoria	1972
8.	Earhart, Edward D J	1953
9.	French, Bernice	1914
10.	French, Charles Isaac	1955
11.	French, Dale Zena	1961
12.	French, Patricia Anne	1951
13.	French, Paul Vincent	1961
14.	French, Terrance Stanley	1974
15.	French, Verna Elizabeth	1950
16.	Grosbeck, Wilma Irene	1941
17.	Hendrick, Donna Eveleen	1936
18.	Henry, Dorothy M L	1913
19.	Henry, Mildred	1900
20.	Iemma, Margaret Diana Lynn	1971
21.	Kecheogo, Cinthia Lee	1962
22.	Kicksee, Judy Carol	1948
23.	Kilbourne, Daniel A	1953
24.	Lazore, Howard L Junior	1963
25.	Lewis, Carl Mervin	1906
26.	Lewis, Rodney Victor	1950
27.	McDougald, Deanna Joyce	1959
28.	Mussell-Baker, Margaret A	1961
29.	Noble, Angela Marie	1961
30.	Riley, Kathleen Jean	1959
31.	Riley, Rosemarie	1948
32.	Seneca, Anita Joyce	1962
33.	Seneca, Mildred Rose	1956
34.	Sipos, Rebecca Shannon	1968
35.	Smithers, Francis Helen	1952
36.	Sturgeon, Isaac Jos J	1940
37.	Walker, Edward John	1946
38.	Walker, Valerie Arlene	1947
39.	Ward, Robert George	1910
40.	Waucaush, Connie J	1977
41.	Waucaush, Joyce Ann	1940
42.	Waucaush, Percy Berton	1951
43.	Waucaush, Philip Nelson	1951
44.	Weekes, Elaine V T	1959
45.	Weekes, Michael W C	1958
46.	Weekes, Patricia Dorothy	1945
47.	Weeks, Rosalind Joyce	1950
48.	Wilson, Jannae Rochelle	1986
49.	Young, Olivia Jean	1930

Budget 2015

Benevolent Project Allocation

Each year Clench Fraud Trust sets the budget based on the purposes of the Trust, Strategic Plan and interest earned. A focus of Economic Development has been chosen for 2015, see below.

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Christmas Gesture	100,000.00
Lil' NHL	10,000.00
Vets	1,000.00
Emergency Funding	10,000.00
Economic Development	70,000.00
Total	\$191,000.00

Administration Budget

The administration budget is adjusted each year based on specific needs that are foreseen. Standard trust practice is that the budget should never exceed 2% of your capital. Every attempt is made to keep ours under 1.5%, see below.

OPERATING EXPENSE BUDGET 2015

Wages & Training	56,306.00
Legal Fees	5,000.00
Audit	8,000.00
Trust Amendment expenses	3,400.00
Trustees:	41,100.00
Investment Management	82,000.00
Governance:	5,000.00
Office	10,000.00
Postage/Courier/Flyer	1,000.00
Contingency	2,400.00
Rent	4,800.00
Meetings / Communications	8,000.00
TD Visa Credit Card	500.00
Trust Elections	6,000.00
Adult Members Project	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$236,506.00

Emergency Fund Policy

Updates have been made to the policy that better defines what qualifies and max. amount available to serve more families. Please see policy on our website under Distribution tab.

CONSENT FORM ATTACHED

Please fill in the consent form and send to or drop off at the office for future contact.