



CHIEFS OF ONTARIO

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CHIEFS

FROM: Regional Chief Angus Toulouse

DATE: July 13, 2010

RE: **MEETING NOTICE – ALL ONTARIO CHIEFS CAUCUS – JULY 21, 2010 – WINNIPEG, MB - RE: SUPREME COURT OF CANADA WILL NOT HEAR APPEAL ON THE 35% CASE**

Please be advised that on July 8, 2010, the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) dismissed the Chippewas of Rama leave-to-appeal application in the Casino Rama 35% case. In accordance with the practice of the Court, no reasons were given.

As a result of the SCC's decision, all avenues of appeal have been exhausted.

There are now technical procedures that need to take place to release the funds that have been held in a segregated account by the Ontario Lottery Gaming Corporation (OLG), as well as ongoing funds until March 2011. In particular, based on the Casino Rama Revenue Agreement (2000), there is a requirement for an Ontario Chiefs-in-Assembly resolution. Also, OLG has 60 days to release the funds.

Therefore under my authority as Regional Chief, I am calling an emergency Special Assembly on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 during the two hour regional caucus session from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in Winnipeg at the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual General Assembly (AGA). The Assembly will be held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre in the Pan-Am Room which is the designated Ontario Caucus Room for the duration of the AFN AGA, provided the quorum of 60% is achieved. Attached is also the formal notice and registration form which I ask to be returned by noon on Friday, July 16 so that our staff can prepare the material in advance.

The Chiefs of Ontario office will work with the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership to prepare for a brief Chiefs Assembly on July 21st in Winnipeg to deal with a draft resolution to release the funds in the event that quorum is reached (requirement of 80 Chiefs or proxies). A copy of the draft resolution is attached to this memo for your review and consideration.

In the event that quorum is not reached, other options will have to be pursued in the most efficient and timely manner possible.

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