



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

We have reviewed all of the suggestions for the disbursement of the Porthill Hwy Specific Claim Settlement (they can be found below) and created a draft referendum question(s) doing our best to take into account as many voices as possible. The draft referendum question may be subject to change based upon the feedback that we receive from the membership up until September 8, 2020 at 4pm.

Please send you feedback to reception@lowerkootenay.com or call 250 428 4428

DRAFT REFERENDUM QUESTIONS -

Choose either Option #1 or Option #2

OPTION #1

- 1 I am in favour of distributing the full \$1,384,144.00 from the Porthill Specific Claim on a per capita basis to the membership of the Lower Kootenay Band.

Yes _____

NO _____

If you answered “no’ to the above question go on to OPTION # 2

OPTION #2

2. I am in favor of distributing \$ 692,072 (one half) of the Porthill Specific Claim on a per capita basis to the membership of the Lower Kootenay Band and I am in favor of using \$692,072 (one half) of the Porthill Specific Claim on the following:

(you may choose 1, 2 or all of the options below)

- _____ housing development/new subdivision
- _____ support for elders (ie pension)
- _____ Youth programs /post-secondary support/cultural initiatives

Membership Suggestions for Disbursement of Porthill Specific Claim Settlement Money

- My vote is full disbursement of the land claims money to all members equally.
- Thank you for you requesting input regarding the recent settlement money. I'm in favour of the housing development and pension investment for Elders. Both ideas are progressive thinking for LKB. In addition to these good ideas ~ I think youth programs and mental/Spiritual and physical health could be explored as well. Thank you for your consideration.
- I respectfully ask that we pause to think of our elders here. When I use the word "elder", I am referring to those over 67 years of age That is 8 elders.
These elders should have been compensated decades ago but they had to wait for justice. ***So, I feel that our elders deserve to be pampered and they are deserving of special consideration.***
8 elders x \$10,000 each for them = \$80,000 (**\$10,000 for each elder over 67 years of age**).
260 members x \$5,000 = \$1,300,000 (**\$5,000 for each band member**)
Total: **\$1,380,000 from \$1,384,144 leaves \$4,144 for administration fees.**
My math may be slightly off, and I may have missed some people, but I would recommend that the referendum question be framed this way:
Do you agree that the settlement money of \$1,384,144 should be distributed to the membership, with \$10,000 to be paid to registered Lower Kootenay Band elders over the age of 67, and \$5,000 to be paid to each registered member of the Lower Kootenay Band as of September 2020 and \$5,000 to those individuals waiting to be registered as a member of Lower Kootenay Band as of September 2020?
That's my recommendation - feel free to modify it.
- Hello I am resending my suggestion for the IR1 Porthill Land claim. My suggestion is to disburse all the money, to all band members.
- I suggest that the money should be disbursed among the people
- I suggest that some money be put towards post secondary education and money for the members
- Hello, I will suggest that the recent Porthill road settlement be disbursed among the community through cheque payments for each individual band member. I think that the community shouldn't suffer from chief and council's decisions to do otherwise as every single community member should have a right to suggest and use their voice. I hope to see disbursement on the option charts and thank you for taking your time to read.
- Housing and Elder pensions are both good ideas I'm in favor of. In addition to these suggestions I'd like to add: Youth sports programs. A paid position and an open Gym for youth. There are

talented youth in LK community that deserve the opportunity to excel. Mental, Spiritual & cultural council (a life coach) for guidance for all LKB members. This would be a paid position as well. Thank you for your consideration.

- I think it would be beneficial to take the money and cut it in half. Half would be a disbursement to members. The other half would be used to create a cultural campsite/dock site for the lower Kootenay band on the Kootenay river. I think as a water people this would be beneficial to the members, but also a way to spread cultural awareness to the general population. The camp/dock site could be used for community BBQs, outdoor meetings, or any cultural gathering utilizing the river. Part of the structures could be a workshop for traditional sturgeon nosed canoes. Ways this could be utilized for the band, would be for a campsite for pow wow weekend that's on the river. This would showcase the lower Kootenay culture to other nations who come and enhance their pow wow experience with lower Kootenay. It could also be a tipi campsite with sturgeon nosed canoes that could teach youth about LKB traditional ways. I believe almost all schools in the area would benefit and utilize this endeavor. I also believe it would create valuable, cultural jobs that allows community members to be proud of their culture and showcase the traditional land of the lower Kootenay. There are some certain spots on LKB land where this might be possible.
- I suggest that the money be divided equally and given to all members of LKB
- My suggestion is to have the ceiling/roof fixed in the gym
- I would like the money to be distributed to all the LKB members including youth
- I am voting for the money to be given to the members
- Use of Settlement money - \$1,384,144.00: per capita distribution to LKB membership with guidelines for minors to ensure those minors receive their amount plus interest when they reach age of majority
- I vote for 100% of our Highway 21 Settlement to be disbursed per capita among LKB members
- I vote for 100% of payout to be dispersed amongst community members.
- I would like to submit my suggestion for distribution of the Hwy 21 Settlement offer as follows: 1 Million - Full distribution to All Registered Band Members
380+ Thousand - Distributed toward "short falls" within the Band Management (eg. Education funds for Trades, Medical Emergencies, New Housing Units, etc.)
- **To have all funds distributed to all band members.** my reasons are we are all in need of money, some of us only have casual positions, work for minimum wage or have been laid off due to unforeseen circumstances ie: Covid-19, some of us may not reach the age to collect a pension or limited pension funds.

- My suggestion is that a small allocation be given to band members with the rest be set aside for the areas that I have outlined. As Ktunaxa, we should follow the path of our ancestors; that being always ensuring that we include our future generations as we make plans today. Taxes!
- I vote for 100% of highway 21 funds distribution to lkb members on a per capita basis
- First of all, acknowledgement for asking input from the membership. History of two previous settlements has certainly given me insight on what my suggestions will be. With due respect to community input on the Community Plan that was developed several years ago, this should set the guide for suggestions. My recollection was the "pie" that outlined what community members wanted to ensure were incorporated for future developments. Education, Housing, and Health were key in securing that monies be allocated looking into the future and not to depend only on funds that come from the government. Funeral costs and Elder care were included. A plan had also been developed for future housing on existing band lands; therefore, my suggestion is that a small allocation be given to band members with the rest be set aside for the areas that I have outlined. As Ktunaxa, we should follow the path of our ancestors; that being always ensuring that we include our future generations as we make plans today. Taxes!
- Here is my "suggestion." (Vote) - per capita distribution or whatever it's called where the funds would be divid'd up among membership as has happened in the past.
- I agree with the building of a new sub division and elder pension. My concern is the band members who live off reserve. How are these two ideas going to help them out?
- We have some questions on the pensions, and subdivision. Both good ideas, but details needed before we can make a decision.
- I VOTE TO HAVE THE MONEY GIVEN OUT TO THE BAND MEMBERS
- I am suggesting that the money be put towards the youth and members of age
- I suggest full distribution to all band members
- I would like In regards to the Porthill Highway Settlement, as a member of the Lower Kootenay Band, my suggestion: Distribute!
- Distribute
- I would like the money given out
- I would like the money given out
- I would like the money to be distributed throughout the community

- I vote for the cash to be distributed
- With the money that the band members are getting, and what I'd like to use it for is to attend college within the next year or two from now
- The money to be disbursed to all band members equally
- I would like the money distributed
- Since the band is getting a big sum of money and as the community are all deciding what we should do with it, myself personally, I believe we should all get an equal amount. The money should be given to all the members
- What I would do with the money would be to save it for "just in case" situations. Some for clothes and some to help with Christmas shopping as well as upgrading
- My vote: 100% distribute monies to band members
- My vote: distribute 100% of the money to the members
- Vote: distribute 100% of money to members