



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION #65

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN)
FROM: Chief and Council of Marten Falls First Nation
DATE: Dec. 16, 2024
SUBJECT: Declaration of State of Emergency

We are writing to inform you of an urgent situation that requires immediate attention. The Chief and Council of Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) have declared a **State of Emergency** due to ongoing challenges that threaten the well-being of our community.

Key Issues

- 1. Wastewater Report Recommendations Ignored**
Despite repeated warnings, the recommendations from previous wastewater reports have not been implemented. Our infrastructure is aging and inadequate for the needs of our community.
- 2. Recent Spillage on December 13, 2024**
On December 13, 2024, a spillage occurred. While we acted quickly to bring in a technician, it is evident that the old lift station is beyond repair. This system urgently needs to be replaced, and a larger, modern facility must be built.
- 3. Bottled Water Funding Cut by Indigenous Services Canada**
Since 2022, Indigenous Services Canada has stopped funding bottled water for our community. As a result, Marten Falls First Nation has been covering these costs independently, placing significant strain on our financial resources.

MFFN is already part of a class action on boil water that has been settled but the governance of the settlement needs to be implemented. The health and safety of our members cannot be compromised. We are demanding the following actions from the responsible authorities:

- Immediate implementation of wastewater report recommendations, including the replacement of the lift station and construction of a larger facility.
- Restoration of bottled water funding to relieve financial pressure on our community.
- Long-term solutions to ensure sustainable access to clean and safe water.

There will be a meeting for community members at the School Gym today Monday Dec. 16th at 4 pm for more updates.