



New Relationship Fund Regional Consultations

Background:

The Ipperwash Inquiry Report was released on May 31, 2007. The Report contained 100 recommendations. A key recommendation of Justice Linden's Ipperwash Inquiry Report was the establishment of a Fund to provide resources and skills to First Nations and Aboriginal peoples in Ontario to participate effectively in the new processes and institutions recommended in the Report. On December 20, 2008, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (MAA), Minister Michael Bryant announced the establishment of the Ipperwash Inquiry Priorities and Action (IIPAC), comprised of First Nation and Metis leadership, to prioritize the Ipperwash Inquiry recommendations for implementation.

The first meetings were held on April 4, 2008 and the Committee identified the establishment of the New Relationship Fund as a priority for implementation. Technical working groups were established to work together with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to develop the details of the New Relationship Fund. On May 15, 2008, Minister Michael Bryant announced the creation of the New Relationship Fund (\$25 million over the first two years). Implementation of the Fund is expected in early winter 2009.

Regional Consultations:

The Ontario Native Women's Association will be hosting Regional Consultations during July and August 2008 to gather information from ONWA's Local Membership and others in regards to the New Relationship Fund, including priorities and recommendations relevant to ONWA. ONWA will subsidize travel costs for members to attend.

- **Consultations will run from 10am until 4pm and lunch will be provided**
- **Necessary airline travel and hotel accommodation will be arranged by ONWA. Be sure to complete attached registration form in full and return two days prior to your selected consultation.**
- **One registration form per person.**

Submit completed registration forms ASAP via:

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EMAIL: ccade@onwa-tbay.ca

MAIL: 212 E. Miles Street
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Travel and Expense Claim Details:

1. Claims for hotels, childcare, parking, bus, taxi, or airfares must be supported by the original receipt.
2. Expenses including, but not limited, to tips, telephone and extra costs will not be paid.
3. Lunch will be provided the day of the consultation. Other meals during travel will be reimbursed at the following rates.
Breakfast \$8.75; Lunch \$11.25; Dinner \$20.00.
4. You are required to attend the consultation in your region and/or the shortest/most economical distance from your home community. Travel by public transportation will be arranged via the most direct route, economy class, unless otherwise approved by ONWA.
5. Child care expenses for children up to the age of sixteen (16) will be reimbursed up to a rate of \$35.00/day for one or more children. Original receipts are required. The individual claiming the expenses must be the primary caregiver to the child(ren).
6. Expense Claim forms will be available at the Consultations. Claims with attached receipts are to be submitted to the Meeting Coordinator that day or mailed to ONWA within two weeks after the consultation, and will be reimbursed within 30 days. Expense Claim forms received later than two weeks after may not be reimbursed.
7. We will do our best to accommodate all needs, but there may be instances in which we are unable to accommodate your requests

