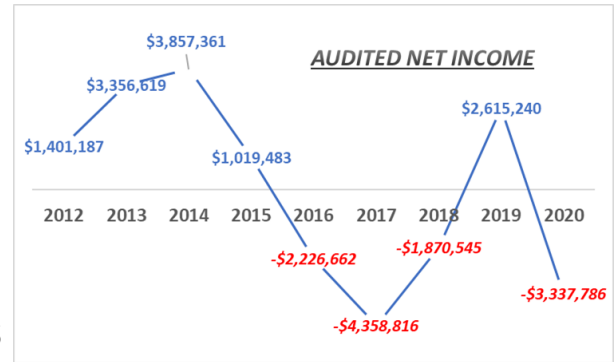


PTFN Trust Programs Provide HUGE Benefits



There have been 4 Trust Program votes over the last decade that approved 18 different Trust expenditures. Most of the Trust Programs were approved as ‘On-going’ or annual expenditures and other were one-time approvals such as the Rink Shell Project or short term programs like the 2 year Wolf Bounty initiative. The last Trust Program vote was in 2020 and the table below summarizes the current approved Trust Programs and the \$796,642 annual expenditure authority the community membership votes have provided to the Trustees. These programs offer HUGE benefits to the PTFN membership in the areas of Health, Community Safety and Emergency Response, Education, Recreation, etc. The Trustees desperately want to ensure that these programs are available to the community each and every year. The Trustees also want the Trust to grow so that more income can be earned which will mean more Trust Programs can be developed, approved by the members, and then offered to the community.

The PTFN Trust has very clear rules that require that the Trust MUST have Net Income in a year for programs to be offered. Furthermore, the Trust requires that only half (50%) of the Net Income as calculated by the external auditors can be used / expended for Trust Programs each year. Sadly, over the last 6 years there has been little or absolutely no Net Income to the Trust because of the Trust Loan write offs. When there’s no Net Income or a reduced level of income the approved Trust Programs are either cancelled or, in all but one of the last 6 years, the Council finds other sources of revenue to fund just a few of the very critical health and safety programs to protect PTFN members and the community. The following table summarizes Net Income to the Trust based on the external audit:



As the ‘‘Audited Net Income’’ table shows the Net Income to the Trust dropped off significantly in 2015, the year after the first Trust loan. In the last 6 years the Trust has had a Net Loss four times, income was down significantly in 2015 and there was only sufficient Net Income to fully fund the Trust Programs once in 2019. The good news is the final Trust Loan write off occurred in 2020 when PTEI had to stop operations due to deficits and loses. As a result, going forward there should be Net Income to fully fund all the Trust Programs starting right away in 2022. The only activity that could threaten the Trust Program delivery is if Trust Loans were allowed to occur again. The current Trustees have agreed to not give out any more Trust Loans and they want to change the Trust so the Trust Loans can never again be issued.

The negative impact of the Trust Loans has been very clearly displayed over the last 6 years by the loss in value to the Trust and also by the loss of your Trust Programs. The current PTFN Trustees are asking you to support the growth of the Trust and also the delivery of the Trust Programs to yourselves as members by coming out to vote YES in support of the changes to the PTFN Trust. These changes will almost guarantee that the Trust will grow, and that Trust Programs will be available in our community for your benefit each and every year moving forward.

Simply put, vote YES to ensure there will be almost \$800,000 of Trust Programs available every year in your Nation to help you, your family, your neighbors, and your community.

Approved Program	Amount
Minor Hockey Program	\$45,222
Funeral Support	\$40,000
High School Diploma	\$66,000
Medical Emergency	\$5,500
Elders Budget	\$20,000
Brushing:Peerless & Trout	\$70,000
Native Provincials	\$40,000
Treaty Days	\$50,000
Recreation Program	\$85,000
Emergency Response	\$311,500
Cemetery Restoration	\$14,300
Escorts City Medical Trips	\$10,000
Home Maker	\$39,120
TOTAL Approved Trust Program	\$796,642

Key Terms

Net Income: the money earned by Trust investments minus expenses incurred by the Trust (i.e. write-offs, investment fees, Trust coordination costs, etc.).

Net Loss: when amount of money earned is less than the expenses incurred by the Trust.

Write-off: to cancel the record of a bad debt; acknowledge that you will not be paid back money owed to you.

KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE TRUST AMENDMENT

The Trustees and their support team have identified **3 Key Objectives** for the Trust Amendments as follows:

Increase the Trust Value and Income by eliminating the loans

The Trustees are committed to growing the Trust through the investment asset plan that was updated in 2020 with Scotia Wealth who manages the PTFN Portfolio. The Trustees know that the Trust grew steadily to its highest value of \$63.1 million in 2015. Between 2015 and 2018 the Trust lost value mostly because of withdrawals for loans and loan write offs. The Trust reached its lowest value since all the settlement funds were received in 2018 when it reached \$53.5 million.

Increasing the Trust value means that the fund managers, Scotia Wealth, have more cash to invest and this creates the opportunity to increase income to the Trust. Since the Trust was fully funded 9 years ago, Scotia Wealth has earned an average rate of return of 5.72% per year which is a very good result given that a large portion of the PTFN investments is considered lower risk. Every additional \$1,000,000 that is added to Trust value increases income by \$57,200 based on Scotia Wealth's average rate of return. Increased income means more money for programs and services to support and help PTFN members

Resume and Increase the Trust Programs

The Trustees want to make sure that the Trust generates sufficient income each year to fully fund all of the membership approved Trust Programs first and foremost. The Trustees also want to ensure that the Trust grows so that more programs can be added to improve the lives of PTFN's members. As many members know the Trust Programs have either been completely cancelled or significantly reduced over the last 5 years because of the Trust Loan losses which is something the Trustees desperately want to eliminate.



Define the Term 'Majority'

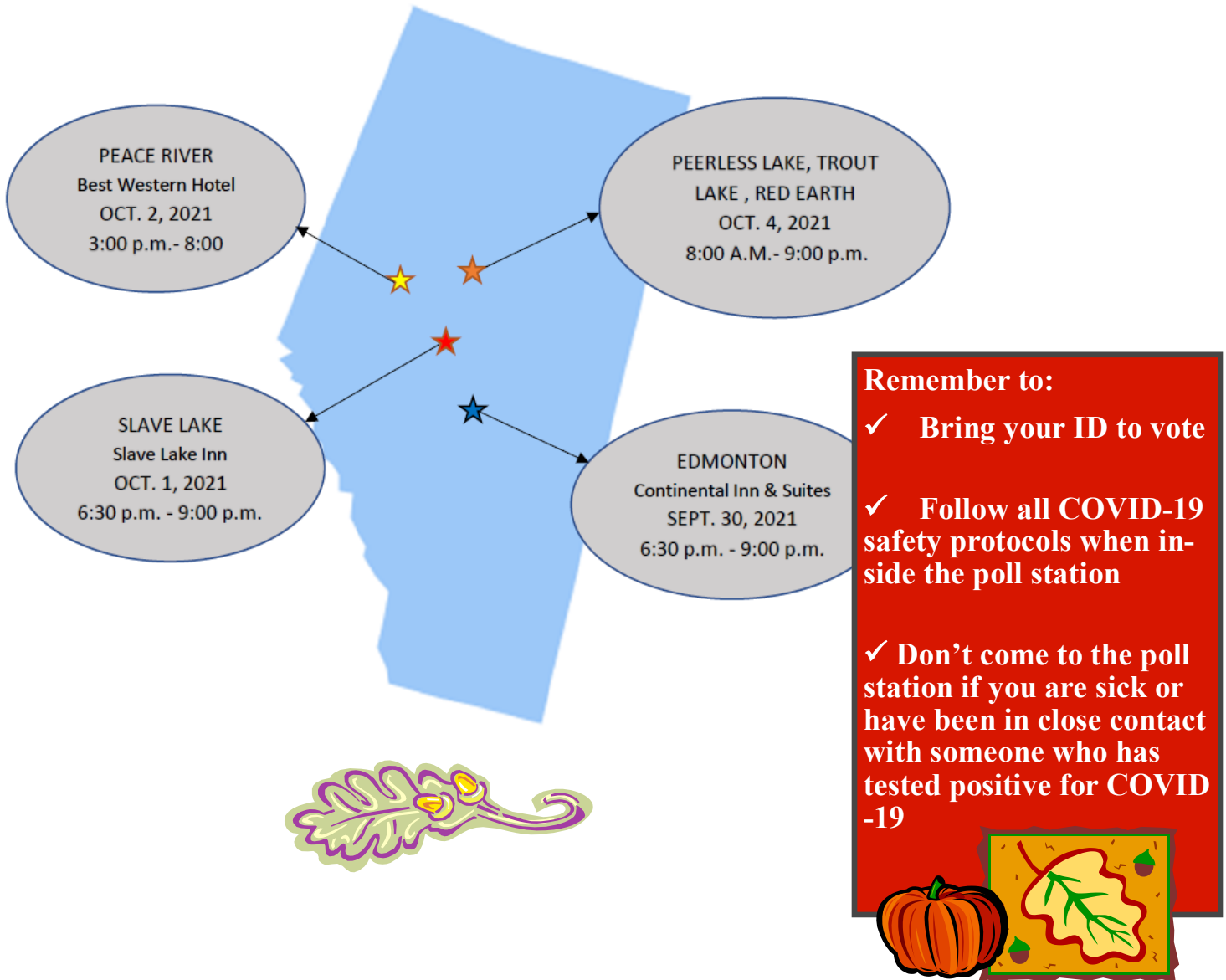
This may seem like an odd objective but in a legal document that requires votes the meaning of the word majority is absolutely critical. When it comes to votes everyone has to have a clear and correct understanding of what the word 'majority' means. This is important as it avoids arguments or confusion that can cause a vote result to be disqualified or costly processes to resolve disputes over votes. There are 2 parts of the Trust that involve votes, #1) the Trust program votes and #2) the Trust Amendment Process. The proposed Amendments very clearly define how a 'majority' of voters is applied to the PTFN Trust.

The Trustees have worked with their lawyers, staff and advisors to draft the necessary amendment to achieve these 3 Key Objectives. These 3 Key Objectives are of significant benefit to the Nation and it's members. The Trustees ask for your support in this process and to come out and vote on the Trust Amendments.

Every person who casts their ballot will receive a \$150 gift card and will have their name entered in a draw to win \$1000 in gift cards!



REFERENDUM VOTE POLL DATES AND LOCATIONS



MAIL IN VOTING:

Mail in vote packages are available upon request by contacting **Darcy Gurski, Designated Officer**, at 780-467-3946 or gurskid@telus.net. Please be sure to request your mail in ballot package as soon as possible to ensure its return before the close of Polls on Oct. 4th.