



PTFN TRUST VOTE 2022



About the Trust Vote

The official voting date for the Community Approval will take place on **Friday, October 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the following Polls:

- Peerless Lake Community Hall, Peerless Lake, AB
This poll is for Peerless Lake members only
- Trout Lake Community Hall, Trout Lake, AB
This poll is for Trout Lake members only
- Red Earth Community Hall – 175 Forestry Road, Red Earth, AB
This poll is for off-reserve members only

If an Eligible Voter would like to vote by Mail-In Ballot contact the Designated Officer to request a mail-in package. (780) 690-6562

Income from the Peerless Trout First Nation Trust is used to fund programs and services in the communities. Every Trust program and budget was approved in the past by a PTFN membership vote. The Trustees and a committee of PTFN Members reviewed the existing programs and recommended changes to better meet the needs of PTFN, including increases to the program budgets to cover rising costs. Each proposed program change is outlined in this newsletter. The proposed changes and budget updates require approval of the PTFN membership by vote.

0. ROLLOVER OF UNEXPECTED PROGRAM FUNDS

Vote Question: When funds allocated to the program are not fully used in each calendar year, they may be rolled over to next calendar year for that program

Provide the Trustees with the authority to roll over unexpected program funds to subsequent years to be spent in the same program area.

Allow the program to use any money that did not get spent towards the next year.

Would be beneficial to have roll over if some years the Trust does not produce enough net income to run programs.

1. MINOR HOCKEY

To provide a youth hockey program for the community. Provide clinics, teams & tournaments.

Vote Question: Increase budget from \$45,200 to \$50,000

All funds assigned to this program have been utilized for all years 2012 to 2021.

Vote Question: Expand Scope to include more youth sports; direct this program will be administered by the Nation's Trust Staff moving forward

Expanding to include more Youth Sports where interest.

Having Nation's trust staff administer the program (greater oversight & spending accountability, no extra costs for paying committee to run program)



2. FUNERAL SUPPORT

To provide subsidy to PTFN families who have suffered a loss to cover a portion of the funeral expenses.

Vote Question: Increase budget from \$40,000 to \$70,000

Annual utilization varied based on community need. However, costs have increased (inflation etc.)

This would allow for 10 funerals per year up to \$7,000 each to be funded.

Establish greater administrative oversight—require reporting from the recipient on use of funds

Vote Question: Expand scope to cover other costs/supports (catering, grief support, travel etc.)

Only allowable expenses covered currently are funeral home, wake and a small portion to other.

3. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

The program is designed to help PTFN members obtain their High school diploma/improve education levels.

Vote Question: Increase budget from \$66,000 to \$100,000

Budget was fully utilized in most years

Filled gap in education programming for students who do not fit high school or PSE programs.

Increase minimum age from 17 to 18 or older to show support for those out of high school

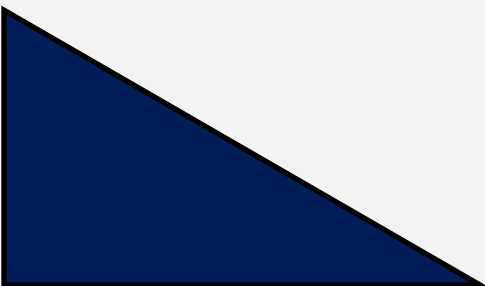
Allow for career guidance counselor support to show pathways to career goals

Vote Question: Expand scope and flexibility: any education institution can be used; include high school, foundational grades and college preparation; no limit on number of students; and no limit on number of courses

Currently only covers courses taken through Northern Lake College. Want to expand the scope because many other options are now available (online institutions etc.)

Currently limited to support only four students taking three courses per term

Would like to increase the scope to include more than high school courses. Demand for foundation courses (under high school level) and college preparation.



4. MEDICAL EMERGENCY

This program is intended to help families experiencing a medical emergency involving a member of their family who is in either in the Intensive Care Unit or Palliative Care.

Vote Question: Clarify how funds are allocated to a family (add definition of: next of kin/identified executor/closest family member who is supporting

Need clearer language / definition of who the funds are to be allocated to in the family. Avoids duplication or wrongful claims.

Vote Question: Clarify that either patient and/or the family member supporting them must be a PTFN member

Allowing the patient and / or the family member who is supporting the patient to be a PTFN member stays true to the original intent to help PTFN families experiencing a medial emergency.

Current policy only allows for the patient to be a PTFN member

5. ELDERS

A fund to support our Elders so they can attend special events and meetings where their input and attendance is valued (Treaty 8 meetings, KTC meetings, AB Chief meetings, Elders gatherings etc.).

Vote Question: Increase budget from \$20,000 to \$70,000

Budget fully utilized from 2014—2018. Not used recently due to COVID-19 and no gatherings/ travel.

When in use very popular and does not cover all expenses and travel requests by Elders

Vote Question: Change definition of an Elder to identify an age (60 years or older), expand the scope and flexibility to cover all costs to support Elders participation in meetings on the behalf of PTFN

Provide age of 60 years or older

Including language/knowledge keeper in definition

Increasing flexibility to cover all costs to support Elders participation in meetings removes barriers to Elder travel when they are needed to support / provide valuable advice.

6. YOUTH AND POST SECONDARY EDUCATION SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

his program is intended for youth, aged 16 years or older, who are PTFN members in high school or post-secondary education programs as a summer work experience program and to keep our Nation clean and contribute to other projects.

Vote Question: Increase budget from \$70,000 to \$100,000

Allows for wages to keep up with current market rates

Allows for other operating costs to be covered to run the program

Vote Question: Expand the scope of the program to not only pay student wages but other costs associated with the program

Community projects operating costs and running the program incur expenses not currently covered by scope.

7. TREATY DAYS

Program will ensure there is a fund available for Treaty Day activities. This fund will help cover community costs associated with Treaty Days in the community.

Vote Question: Increase budget from \$50,000 to \$100,000

Budget fully utilized 2015—2016, 99% in 2014, 2017.

Committee to develop budget and submit for approval to Chief and Council.

8. RECREATION

This is an adult focused sports and recreation program. It provides support to local sports teams such as: baseball, ball hockey etc. on an as needed basis.

Vote Question: Expand scope to add youth (under 16) programing

Introduce a portion of funds to go to after-school youth drop-in recreation programs and tournaments. For youth aged 16 years and under

Allow for coaches to receive honorariums (to increase quality and participation)



9. EMERGENCY SERVICES

Improve and expand the Emergency Response Program operation of the Nation's two Firehalls and the related Emergency Services Program. To further improve the health and safety of the community a Wildfire Preparedness and Policing

Vote Question: Increase budget from \$311,500 to \$486,500 to fully cover the cost of one full-time RCMP officer/housing, and Emergency Service Administrative Assistant

Increase budget of 'Enhanced Policing Service' up to \$250,000 for one RCMP Officer (and housing)

Increase budget of 'Fire Service Operations' to allow for an Emergency Service Administrative Assistant

10. HOMEMAKER PROGRAM

a program to help Elders or disabled with household cleaning/maintenance services (cleaning, laundry, shoveling etc.).

Vote Question: Increase budget from \$39,120 to \$65,000 to address Elder needs, increasing costs, and additional part-time staff (handy-person)

Allow for full-time homemaker to keep up with needs (currently only 4 days allowed)

Allow for part-time handy-person to address other maintenance needs besides homemaking services

This is what your ballot will look like on vote day. You will be asked to vote on each program update and you may vote YES for more than one. A program update will be considered approved if more members vote YES than vote no. If a program update is not approved the program will continue to run with the same budget and purpose as it did before (it will not be cancelled).

	YES	NO
General Policy: When funds allocated to the program are not fully used in each calendar year, they may be rolled over to future years for that program.		
Minor Hockey		
Increase budget from \$45,200 to \$50,000		
Expand scope to include more youth sports; this program will be administered by the Nation's Trust Staff moving forward.		
Funeral Support		
Increase budget from \$40,000 to \$70,000		
Expand scope to cover other costs/supports (Catering, grief support, travel etc.)		
High School Diploma		
Increase the overall budget from \$66,000 to \$100,000		
Expand the scope and flexibility: any educational institution can be used, include high school, foundational grades and college preparation, no limit on number of students, no limit on number of courses, etc.		
Change eligible age from 17 to 18 years or older		
Medical Emergency		
Clarify how funds are allocated to a family (add definition of: next of kin/identified executor/closest family member who is supporting)		
Clarify that either patient and/or the family member supporting them must be a PTFN member		
Elders		
Increase budget from \$20,000 to \$70,000		
Change the definition of an Elder to identify an age (60 years or older), expand the scope and flexibility to cover all costs to support Elders participation in meetings on the behalf of PTFN		
Youth and Post Secondary Education Summer Employment		
Increase budget from \$70,000 to \$100,000		
Expand the scope of the program to not only pay student wages but other costs associated with the program		
Treaty Days		
Increase budget from \$50,000 to \$100,000		
Recreation		
Expand scope to add youth (under 16) programming		
Emergency Services		
Increase budget from \$311,500 to \$486,500 to fully cover the cost of one full-time RCMP officer/housing, and Emergency Service administrative assistant		
Homemaker Program		
Increase budget from \$39,120 to \$65,000 to address Elder needs, increasing costs, and additional part time staff (handy-person)		