

November 22, 2024

Impacts of Canada Post Strike on NFN Service Delivery

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers has begun a national strike as of Friday, November 15 at 12:01 a.m. ET. Canada Post's operations are shut down during the national strike, affecting millions of Canadians and businesses across the country. This includes impacts to Nipissing First Nation and service delivery to membership.

Members should expect delays as mail and parcels will not be processed or delivered during the strike, and some post offices will be closed. No new items will be accepted until the national disruption is over.

Once operations resume, Canada Post says, "all mail and parcels in the postal network will be secured and delivered as quickly as possible on a first-in, first-out basis." It is important to note that any length of strike will impact processing and delivery time afterwards, as it may take some time to fully return to normal.

Christmas Distribution

Finance Department staff are contacting members who have requested their Christmas Distribution shares by cheque. These individuals have the option of switching to EFT or cash pick-up. If members insist on a cheque, the Finance Department will print a cheque and mail them out once the strike is over.

Newsletters

Enkamgak (the NFN community newsletter) is mailed out to a list of members during the last week of every month. The Communications Department will prepare an Enkamgak mailout to distribute once the strike is over. In the meantime, members who would like to read Enkamgak can view it on NFN.ca/newsletters or grab a hard-copy at the front reception of the NFN Administration building: 36 Semo Rd., Garden Village, ON.

RHT PCD (Robinson-Huron Treaty Settlement Per Capita Distribution) Release Forms

For any members who have not submitted their forms, NFN still requires original forms with photocopies of valid ID to be mailed in. NFN encourages members to use Purolator, UPS or FedEx to ship their forms in. Forms need to be submitted by Thursday, December 12 to have the PCD issued on Friday, December

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Minors turning 18 over the holidays

While NFN offices are closed Monday, December 23 to Friday, January 3, any minors who turn 18 over the holidays can submit their RHT PCD release forms by December 12 to Governance Manager, Megan Goulais. Payment for their shares will be release on or the day after their birthday. If forms are received after the December 12 deadline, payment will be issued on Friday, January 10, 2025.

Housing applications

Please email or drop off apartment applications to housingdepartment@nfn.ca or 36 Semo rd., Garden Village.

Seniors Christmas Party

Every year, NFN seniors 55 and older receive a mailed invite to the annual Seniors Christmas Party, however, due to the Canada Post strike, NFN was unable to mail out invitations this year. A flyer was shared on the [Nipissing First Nation Administration Facebook page](#), [NFN website](#), [NFN Membership Portal](#), and on digital signs across NFN communities. We encourage members to share this event with their friends and family and to RSVP to the Health Centre by Tuesday, December 3 at 705-753-3312.

Healthy Babies Healthy Children Milk Coupons

Those that are signed up for this program can reach out to Misty at mistya@nfn.ca.

Health-Related Receipts and Applications

Members can submit receipts and applications for the following programs at the Health Centre (58 Semo Rd, Garden Village) or email to the following contacts:

- Medical Health Fund: cleanorm@nfn.ca
- Jordan's Principle: jordansprinciple@nfn.ca
- Non-Insured Health Benefits: jodyb@nfn.ca
- Children's recreation reimbursement, including Youth who Excel: recreimbursements@nfn.ca

Ontario Works

Ontario Works clients can check their emails for the monthly Ontario Works mail outs.

For updates on the Canada Post strike, visit the [Canada Post Negotiations updates webpage](#).