

# Adams Lake Indian Band

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Weyt'k Adams Lake Band Members,

## Re: Payout for Emergency Funding

The Adams Lake Indian Band and the world are facing the threat of Covid-19. All schools, many businesses and government offices are closed in an effort to slow down the spread of this pandemic. The Government of Canada is advising all citizens not to travel abroad and stay home as much as possible and not to attend gatherings whether they are social or ceremonial.

The Chief and Council of the Adams Lake Indian Band are doing all that we can to safeguard and assist our community while this state of emergency has been declared. We have an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) who are working on a daily basis on emergency planning for the community in cooperation with Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC). We are monitoring the developments in the area and we are operating with essential staff as we encourage as little contact with the outside as possible.

The Chief and Council of the Adams Lake Indian Band have decided to provide emergency assistance to all registered Adams Lake Band Members with a payment of \$200 for every woman, man and child for emergency needs such as food, supplies, rent or hydro. Please use these funds sparingly and wisely to purchase essential goods or supplies.

The band has limited or in some cases outdated contact information for our band members. Band member assistance is needed, to make sure that cheque mail outs make it to our band members in a timely manner. Your updated information is to be sent to this email address: [AddressUpdate@alib.ca](mailto:AddressUpdate@alib.ca)

We need:

- Your Band Number (this helps us identify you as our band member);
- Your Name;
- Your Address;
- Your Postal Code;
- Your Phone Number;
- Your Cell Number;
- Your email address;
- A list of your children under the age of 18;
- Your child(ren's) Band number.

We would also like your assistance in getting this information to your family and relatives. This information is for Adams Lake Band members only and is shared on the ALIB facebook page and website, so please be respectful and do not re-post it on your own personal facebook page. If you want a family member (give name) to pick up your cheque, we need to receive this as part of your email. Otherwise, all cheques for those living outside of Salmon Arm and Chase will be mailed out

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The Government of Canada also has programs to further assist families during this time.

## The new Canada Emergency Response Benefit

Will provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 a month for up to 4 months to:

- workers who must stop working due to COVID-19 and do not have access to paid leave or other income support.
- workers who are sick, quarantined, or taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- working parents who must stay home without pay to care for children that are sick or need additional care because of school and daycare closures.
- workers who still have their employment but are not being paid because there is currently not sufficient work and their employer has asked them not to come to work.
- wage earners and self-employed individuals, including contract workers, who would not otherwise be eligible for Employment Insurance.

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit will be accessible through a secure web portal starting in early April. Applicants will also be able to apply via an automated telephone line or via a toll-free number.

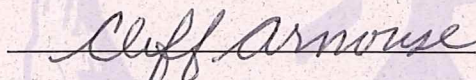
## BC Hydro

- Customers can defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty through the COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program
- Customers experiencing job loss, illness or lost wages due to COVID-19 can access grants up to \$600 to pay their hydro bills through the Customer Crisis Fund

## ICBC

- o Customers on a monthly payment plan who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19 may defer their payment for up to 90 days with no penalty

Chief and Council of the Adams Lake Indian Band wish you and your family safety and good health in this time of crisis.



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