

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

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KWIINWIN KENDI-MOOKIIWIN **Update on the 2025 Holiday Gift Distribution**

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory would like to provide an important update regarding the 2025 Holiday Gift Payment process. We are pleased to confirm that the first round of deposits will begin as scheduled, which is Friday, November 28, 2025.

We received over 5,000 applications. Our team has been working long hours over the past few weeks to process the applications. Due to the high volume of applications and the extensive work required to prepare them, not all payments will be issued on this initial date.

We encountered many issues with the applications which are causing delays in the whole process, these include:

- People submitting multiple applications with different information on the forms,
- People submitting wrong status numbers,
- People submitting for children who don't have status cards/numbers,
- People not submitting proper verification of guardianship for children in their care,
- Bank information needs to be updated.

All the work to verify these issues is time consuming and has delayed the whole process. Payments will continue on a weekly basis after this Friday's payment.

Please be assured:

- No eligible member will lose their payment. With the deadline to claim this gift being October 31, 2026, payments will continue until all applications are processed.
- If your application requires correction, our team will contact you directly.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work diligently to ensure accuracy and fairness for all members. Our priority is to complete this process as quickly and efficiently as possible. For updates, please monitor our official communication channels. Questions and concerns can be emailed to rht@wiikwemkoong.ca or call the Band Reception at 705-859-3122.

Miigwech for your cooperation.

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