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Subject: RE: Commitment of ongoing support from Canada for the annual National Claims Research Workshop
Date: May 26, 2021 12:57:55 PM
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Noted thanks. I hope to send a new proposed version of the Draft Guidelines by early next week for further consideration and discussion.

From: Jody Woods <jwoods@ubcic.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:55 PM
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Subject: RE: Commitment of ongoing support from Canada for the annual National Claims Research Workshop

Thanks for the email Shelie and for the recognition that NSD's commitment to fund the NCRW and the Annual Research Directors Meeting is a priority.

For your information, funding for these events has always included:

1. Event funding
 - a. Funding for the host to plan and deliver the NCRW (this is a large, 3 day conference-style event hosted in different regions every year). This includes funding to reimburse delegates, presenters and planning committee members
 - b. Funding for to plan the Annual Research Directors meeting (this is a small meeting - usually about 30 people that occurs in May). For the past 7 or 8 years, UBCIC has planned this meeting and it has always been held in Ottawa. Prior to that TARR MB planned it
2. Participation funding
 - a. CRUs and Nations involved in claims processes typically include travel budgets in their annual proposals to attend the research directors meeting.

Also to note, for future communications about the guideline or other issues discussed at the working group meetings, I'd like to request that all the working group members are included (they are copied here).

Thanks again
Jody

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Thank you for taking the time to further discuss the draft Guidelines. I am including below the response that was provided on the Workshop noting the importance of the event but advising that we needed to wait to see the available budget envelop and how many funding requests was received as I mentioned during the call. However, understanding that there is a consensus that this should be prioritized within the available budget envelop, we will adjust the Guidelines indicating that we will use a portion of the budget envelop to fund accordingly for further review.

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Thank you Jody for your message and sorry for the delay in getting back to you. It is very

unfortunate that the Covid situation is getting in the way of the NCRW this year.

While NSD remains committed in supporting this initiative in the future as we understand the importance of the NCRW for the Claims Research Community, NSD is unfortunately not in a position to confirm that funding will be available next fiscal year (2021-2022) and on an ongoing basis since it is always depending on the annual funding envelop available and number of funding requests received. Having said that, we have noted the importance of this event in supporting the Specific Claims research community and invite the organization/First Nation planning to host the event in the new fiscal year (if Covid-19 limitations are lifted) to submit a funding request to NSD using the following generic e-mail address aadnc.unitedufinancement-nego-fundingunit-nego.aandc@canada.ca.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Importance: High

Dear Shelie Laforest,

As you know, every year, the claims research community gathers together for the National Claims Research Workshop (NCRW). Since its inception, the NCRW has been funded by CIRNA, in recognition of the event's critical importance to supporting the capacity, connectedness, and effectiveness of the claims research community. The NCRW is hosted in different regions each year and the host community or CRU applies each year for funding to run the meeting.

Because of COVID-19, the NCRW will be deferred this year; we cannot gather the way we would usually (and will have some small workshops via Zoom). However, when it is once again safe to hold in-person meetings, the organizing committee will look forward to running the NCRW as usual. We write today to ask you to confirm that the funding for the NCRW will be available next year (or when the time for safe gatherings arrives) and on an ongoing basis.

At the NCRW, claims practitioners meet to strengthen skills, engage with updates to the program, directly connect with SCB and funders, and share experiences in ways that build capacity and depth of knowledge. Experts from across the country present on topics related to oral history; information access and management; funding and changes to policies or procedures; and legislative initiatives, case law, and the Specific Claims Tribunal (SCT). Typically over one hundred First Nations researchers from across Canada attend. The last NCRW, held in Six Nations territory in 2019, featured several technical sessions on topics such as genealogy, archaeology, historical research best practices, as well as updates on current issues in negotiations and the SCT.

As the only chance for the claims community to meet, the NCRW is an essential way to build

relationships and capacity in ways that support the development of claims and the building of a knowledgeable and effective claims research community. The event – and CIRNA’s support for it – also advances the relationship between CIRNA and claims researchers. For this reason, we are asking that funds for the NCRW be available – that this important event be seen as deferred, rather than cancelled. We ask that the Negotiation Support Directorate commit to funding the workshop next year (or as soon as conditions allow for safe gatherings) and in the future. Cowichan Tribes, who had planned to host the 2020 NCRW, has offered to defer hosting until such time as the event can be held safely.

If you have any questions about the NCRW and our plans for future workshops, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you and building shared commitment to resuming the critical work of the NCRW when it’s safe to do so.

Thank you,
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(on behalf of the National Claims Research Workshop Planning Committee)

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