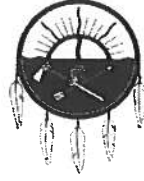


# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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In follow up to the Annual General Meeting please see below the responses to the questions that arose from that meeting and any proposed actions as a result:

## 1. Food Bank Surpluses

Looking at the Note 10 Accumulated surpluses I see the \$101,739 is stated. This is the accumulation of past surpluses that have since been set aside as reserves.

Reserve appropriations:

*\$59,069 YE March 2021 (mainly NSTC funding received)*

*\$16,178 YE March 2020*

*(\$6,334) YE March 2018 Usage*

*\$6,424 YE2017*

*\$4,411 YE2016*

*\$21,991 CUMULATIVE YE2012 to YE2015*

**ACTION:** A briefing note will be forthcoming at the November 8th meeting to address the surplus.

## 2. When will the quarry LP be absolved?

On YE March 31, 2020, there was a dissolution of the M'Anishnabek Industries LP, and at that time the Band received funds as part of that dissolution. In that same year the investment held on the balance sheet was removed as well as an older payable to that vendor.

## 3. What are our First Nation Support funding and why did they go up in 2020?

- Wages increased ~\$80K total (addressed a vacant position from the year prior)
- Increased expenses – this account includes costs associated with COVID expenses. (specifically seen in program aids increase costs over prior year of \$199K)
- Also in the prior year the Gain on disposal of investment was listed as a credit (resulting in a decrease in the expenses) in the prior year presentation (aka  $\$560,107 + 118,627 =$  expenses to vendors  $\$678,734$ ) which is more comparable after considering the above two other explanations.

4. How much funding did we get for Covid and what is remaining?

According to a quick analysis \$1,077,248 was received from ISC and Health Canada

Of which the Deferred amount was \$365,346; and a portion was set up in reserves \$118,021.  
This leaves the implied \$593,881 as having been spent at the end of 2020/21.

**NOTE: These funds are on target for all expenditures as required by Indigenous Services Canada by the end of 2022/23.**

5. What does the "other" represent on page 10?

This is Other AR's that don't specifically relate to the above funder categories. This includes; the FNGTR (First Nation Gas Tax Rebate), Waubetek funding regarding Agawa, HST rebate filed with CRA, and other funders such as UOI, Hydro One, and Nogdawindamin.

**Other Question, not related to Audit:**

6. How many new homes are being built this year?

Two additional homes are being built this year. Both homes have been delivered and we are currently waiting on Hydro One to bring the power to these locations. They are at 1 and 3 Sugarbush Lane.

Sincerely,



Tracey Seabrook,  
Director of Operations (Int.)



Sam Commanda,  
Director of Finance