

Cheam's participation in the First Nations Drinking Water Class Action Lawsuit Settlement

This Class Action Lawsuit is pertaining to Canada's failure to ensure clean, safe drinking water within First Nation Communities. Fifty (50) First Nations across Canada participated in a National Class Action Lawsuit and won support from the Courts directing Canada to pay compensation to those who suffered from a lack of access to clean drinking water.

Cheam First Nation joined the Class Action in June 2021 as we were subject to long-term boil water advisories from October 2011 to October 2012 and November 2013 to November 2014. Members and non-members (with Status Cards) living in the Community during the boil water advisories can and will be included in the Class Action.

Council has directed staff to compile and submit a list of Members and non-members (with Status Cards) that lived in the Community during the years of the boil water advisories. To confirm that you have been included in the Class Action Lawsuit and/or to update your contact information, please connect Catana Tommy at 604-794-7924 or via email at catana.tommy@cheamband.com by June 30, 2022.

Once the list has been submitted, the First Nations Drinking Water Administrator will contact you directly to collect additional information such as banking information, Status Card Number, current address, etc. All individual financial compensation awarded will be sent to you, directly.

If you suffered specific injuries due to the boil water advisory, you may also submit a specific claim for compensation. To submit the Specific Claim, please log onto https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/ and click on claims. All Specific Claims must be filed and received by the First Nations Drinking Water Administrator by March 7, 2023.

For any additional information on the Class Action Lawsuit, please log onto https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/ or call 1-833-252-4220.