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TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

RE: Manitoba Hydro Arrears — Community Settlement Agreement & Individual Repayment Requirements

Important Notice — Please Read Carefully

Norway House Cree Nation (NHCN) is advising the community that Chief and Council have entered into a Settlement Agreement with Manitoba Hydro to address outstanding hydro arrears and prevent scheduled disconnections that were to begin June 22, 2026.

What Has Happened

Manitoba Hydro identified over 500 homes in Norway House with overdue balances and had scheduled community-wide disconnections beginning the week of June 22, 2026. Disconnection criteria included balances of \$300 or more, and/or accounts 60 or more days in arrears.

To protect community members from disconnection — particularly during summer months when this disruption would cause significant hardship — Chief and Council negotiated the following settlement with Manitoba Hydro:

Settlement Detail	Amount / Terms
Total Arrears Covered	\$1,728,489.37
Initial Payment (June 18, 2026)	\$288,081.57
Monthly Payments (July–November 2026)	\$288,081.56 per month
Final Payment Date	November 1, 2026
Interest / Late Fees	Waived in full upon completion

What This Means for You

While NHCN has negotiated this settlement on behalf of the community to prevent immediate disconnections, the amounts covered by the Band on individual accounts must be repaid. This is a one-time emergency measure — Norway House Cree Nation is not a private lender, and it is not the ongoing role of the Band to pay individual utility bills.

If Your Account Was in Arrears — Action Required

If your hydro account was included in the arrears list, you are required to come in and make a repayment arrangement with NHCN. Failure to do so may result in recovery of your balance





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through other means including payroll deductions, community distributions, contract payments, honorariums, housing-related benefits, or other monies payable by NHCN until the debt has been repaid.

Please contact or come into the NHCN Finance Office to set up your repayment plan:

NHCN Finance Office
Norway House Cree Nation Administration Building
Phone: [204-359-4882](tel:204-359-4882)
Email: ar@nhcn.ca
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Going Forward — Your Responsibility

Effective immediately, all community members are expected to maintain their Manitoba Hydro accounts in good standing. This means:

- Paying your monthly hydro bill on time.
- Contacting hydro to be placed on a monthly fixed budget.
- Keeping your account current so that arrears do not accumulate.
- Making arrangements directly with Manitoba Hydro if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

Norway House Cree Nation will not be paying individual hydro bills going forward. We understand this represents a change from past practice, and we appreciate the community's understanding as the Nation works to ensure its resources are available for the programs and services that benefit all members.

Chief and Council thank community members for their patience and understanding. We are committed to supporting the community through this transition in a fair and transparent way.

Respectfully,

Signed by:
Chief Season Roulette
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Chief Roulette
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