

Dear Fellow Tribal Members:

Great News! We have all but won our case against Bouschor and others who took \$2.66 million dollars from us in 2004. Please see the information below and attached to see how close we are to not only recovering the money they took but also potentially up to nearly \$ 8 million and legal fees! With the favorable judgment for the Tribe (below and attached), Bouschor will likely also be found to have committed an act of theft or dishonesty in the eyes of the Michigan Gaming Control Board, and will therefore be denied a MI Gaming License. When this happens, according to our own Tribal statutes, he will be automatically removed from the Sault Tribe Board. No Tribal Board vote is necessary.

When we receive the final judgment in this case, I propose that we lower the Board and Chairperson salaries to half of the current amount to save another \$400,000 and use this windfall, to:

- * Replenish the Elder Fund to reinstate the \$1,600 per Elder amount I originally proposed and gained approval for in 2003;
- * Increase the number of Tribal college student scholarships from 200 back up to 800 per year when I was Chairperson;
- * Use the balance to tighten our finances and look for ways to benefit middle class Tribal Members who usually get left behind.

Given I have a large email database, it cost about \$225 each time I send out a mass email to Tribal Members. If you would like to help with these costs, please send me an email with the subject: DONATE, and I will respond with information about how to do so. Remember, this is not an election expense so your name does not have to be reported as an election expense. You do not have to donate to continue to receive updates but every little bit helps.

Also, as I realize no one wants to be inundated with email messages, I will only use this medium sparingly. If you would like more frequent information, please feel free to visit my web by clicking on the following.

<http://saulttribeupdates.com/>

I will be updating information as I hear things. There are a few big cases in front of us and the Greektown bankruptcy proceeding that will determine our future for years to come. Thank you for being interested enough to receive these updates or to visit my web for information.

With Respect and Warm Regards,

Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Former Chairperson and Tribal Board Member

Board refuses to terminate Fred Paquin even after an arrest, arraignment and 16 federal criminal indictments.

A Tribal Member asked the Tribal Board at the January 26th meeting of the Tribal Board of Directors what Fred Paquin's employment status was now that he has been arrested and arraigned on 16 federal criminal indictments. The Board's response was that:

Paquin continues to be employed and is only on suspension!

Last fall, the Board voted to eliminate the Tribal evergreen employment contracts as they are considered invalid due to a court ruling. Nonetheless, though the Tribal Board voted to repeal the termination appeals policy in July of 2008 and allow the current administration to fire over 150 employments (90% being Tribal members) they will still not act to terminate Fred Paquin after criminal arrests and prosecutions by the MI Attorney General, the BIA, FBI and currently the U.S. Attorney's office. Members deserve to know why!

With Respect and Warm Regards,

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