

How to watch the land remedies hearing

An important step in our Treaty claim against Canada and Ontario. Joint Council invites all Saugeen and Nawash members to watch.

Date	Time	Location
October 2, 2026	10:00 a.m.	130 Queen St. W., Courtroom #4, Toronto

What is the hearing about

We are heading into Phase 2 of our Treaty claim against Canada and Ontario. In Phase 1, we won: the Court found the Crown breached its honour by failing to diligently implement the promise made in Treaty 45 ½ to protect the Saugeen Peninsula from squatting and encroachment, and again when a Crown official told our ancestors that the government would not keep its Treaty promises and would take the Saugeen Peninsula from us even without our consent.

Phase 2 will decide what remedies we should get. Saugeen and Nawash are seeking the return of lands on the Saugeen Peninsula owned by the Crown and compensation (money).

Canada has brought a motion saying that land should not be available as a remedy. A motion is a court hearing before a trial. Canada is saying the Court should decide that land is not available as a remedy now, before we even get to a trial about remedies.

After this hearing, the judge will decide whether land is “on the table” for the Phase 2 remedies trial, meaning whether we can continue to pursue land back in this Treaty case. It won’t decide what remedies Saugeen and Nawash will actually get at the end of the day.

Three ways to watch

In person, in Toronto

There are limited seats in the courtroom for Saugeen and Nawash members to attend. If you wish to attend, sign up as shown below. When you sign up, please let us know what community you are from and if you identify as a youth or an elder.

Nawash members

Email executiveassistant@nawash.ca, or go by the band office

Saugeen members

Email justine.kaufman@saugeen.org

Please sign up by September 28, 2026.

Each First Nation will provide bus transport for members who sign up to attend in person. Buses leave the Saugeen Governance Building at 5:30 a.m. and the Nawash Band Office at 5:00 a.m. on October 2nd. Buses leave Toronto at 5:00 p.m. to return home, arriving back in Saugeen and Nawash around 9:00 p.m.

There will also be a rally gathering in front of the courthouse starting at 8:45 a.m. that members are welcome to join.

Our lawyers will also make their offices across the street from the courthouse available if more people wish to attend than can fit in the courtroom. The offices are at 250 University Ave, 8th Floor, Toronto. Lunch will be provided.

If more people sign up than there is room for, seats will be chosen by lottery.

Watch the hearing virtually from the Saugeen Governance Building

The Saugeen Council Chambers will be open for members to gather and watch virtually. Lunch will be provided.

From home

Watch from wherever you are. Register in advance for the Zoom webinar using the link or the QR code.

ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eC11WVeoQvK7IGUO9xF8Kw

