

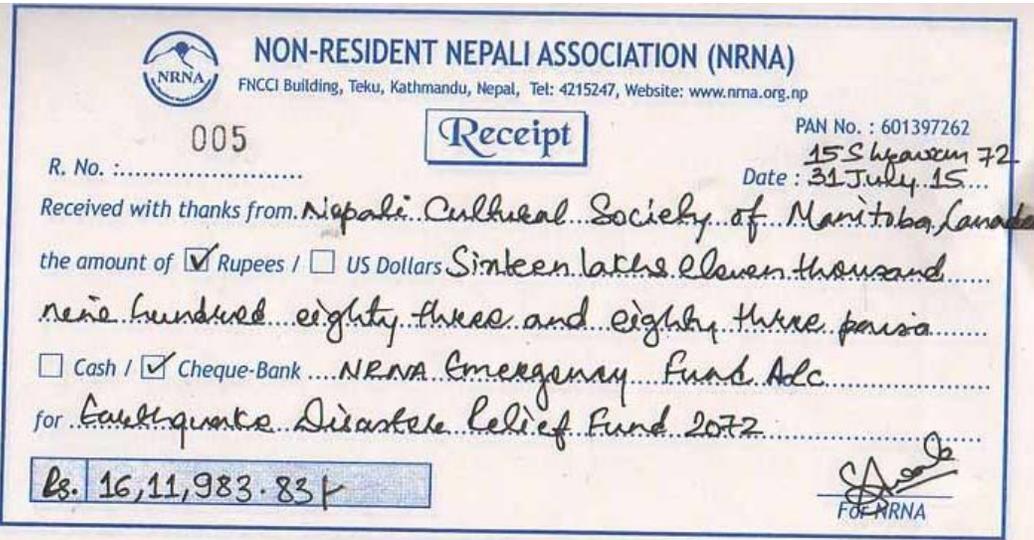
Date: August 11, 2015

Dear members, friends and families,

After about six weeks, we had an NCSM board meeting yesterday (Monday, Aug 10, 2015) and discussed in detail about several activities including the transfer of Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund Manitoba (NEARFM) to Non Resident Nepali Association, Western Canada Regional Sports and Cultural Event recently held in Edmonton (July 4-5) and preparation for the next year regional event that Winnipeg will be hosting, upcoming High School Grad Felicitations later this month and TEEJ festival among others.

The main purpose of this email is to update the transfer of Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund. Please refer to the table below which provides sequence of events and/or actions that unfolds between the Earthquake of April 25, 2015, which took thousands of lives and destroyed infrastructures, and the e-mail confirmation regarding Fund Transfer to NRNA Emergency Relief Account from NRNA Secretariat.

S.No	Date: // Event and/or Actions
1	April 25, 2015: A 7.9 scale devastating earthquake hit Nepal
2	April 26, 2015: NEARFM committee formed at 58 Colebrook Drive with 17 members led by co-chairs Ms Smrita Rajabhanry and Mr Chitra Pradhan in order to raise funds and provide a financial report to keep all informed and transfer funds to recommended organization to carry out indented relief works. Fund raising began the same day.
3	April & May, 2015: Major Fund Raising activities - through online INDIEGOGO and an account in TD Canada Trust, fund raising took place in close cooperation among NEARFM committee, NCSM board, Nepali Students Association, various schools and volunteers
4	June 7, 2015: NEARFM meeting on this date selected NRNA to accomplish earthquake relief work and decided to transfer CAD 21,000 to NRNA account immediately after the release of NEARFM financial report. As on June 7, little over \$21,000 was raised all together.
5	June 24, 2015: On behalf of NCSM, I talked to Mr. Shesh Ghale, President of NRNA, over the phone and shared NEARFM recommendation to send CAD 21,000 ASAP upon release of the financial report. I also shared the desire of our community and donors about the use of the fund for earthquake relief in the form building schools for children where schools were flattened by the earthquake. Mr. Ghale explained NRNA's proposal that was already declared to general public - a 3.5 million housing project to build an ambitious 1,000 houses for earthquake victims. He also explained that about 2.7 million dollars was already raised or pledged and a meeting between NRNA reps and an Italian consortium was scheduled to discuss for funds and assistance in project development. He expressed happiness to see support from Winnipeg Nepali community and extended thanks to everybody. He further said school construction is also in the NRNA priority if the funds exceed the 3.5 million dollars. He also informed that any deposits in the NRNA account will receive 6.5 % interest. It was also informed that the housing project planning is in progress taking into consideration of the construction guidelines from Nepal government and it will begin when monsoon ends. I congratulated Mr Ghale for being appointed as special envoy for reconstruction efforts by Nepal Government. In reply, he expressed willingness to visit north America and possibly Canada also as part of his role to bring more funds and investment in the country's efforts to rebuild.
6	July 26, 2015: After various community events including July 1 (Winnipeg), July 4-5 (Edmonton), and July 10-17 (Vancouver), we could review the NEARFM preliminary financial

	report and its appendices today.
7	July 29, 2015: CAD 21,000 (USD 15,772.04) was transferred from NEARFM TD Canada Trust to NRNA Emergency Fund account in Sanima Bank Ltd, Kathmandu.
8	<p>August 2, 2015: Received NRNA Secretariat email confirmation about the receipt of Rs. 16,11,983.83 (Nepali Rupee) from NCSM towards NRNA Earthquake Relief Fund. A copy of official receipt dated July 31, 2015 (Shrawan 15, 2072 B.S.) was attached, which is included herewith.</p> 

I extend sincere thanks to all the community members for your support, understanding and waiting such a long time to receive this information. I understand we could have shared this information much earlier but when we work for an organization we should not bypass some important steps at the same time. I wanted to bring all this to the attention of our NCSM executives first and receive appropriate direction, which could happen yesterday only.

Upon receipt of the NEARFM final report, I will update more precisely about the total funds. Besides this, we will be doing the following two things. First, NCSM will send a letter to NRNA and a copy to NRN-NCC recognizing all volunteers and organizations. This letter will express our understanding about the use of funds (housing project) and how Winnipeg community will be recognized. Second, NCSM will extend sincere thanks to all the individuals and organizations who contributed CAD 500 or more by sending a letter of appreciation for their generous support to the relief effort. We will also inform all such organizations to continue supporting us in this long-term rebuilding effort and jointly work together for the benefit of both parties. The letter will also indicate our commitment to update the progress of work through our website.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

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(President, NCSM)