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COURT COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

JUDICIAL CENTRE ST. PAUL

PLAINTIFFS/APPLICANTS LAURELLE DOWNEY and RAMONA JEBEAUX

DEFENDANTS/RESPONDENTS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA, KEHEWIN COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KEHEWIN CREE NATION

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act*, S.A. 2006 c-16.5

DOCUMENT **APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF CLASS PROCEEDING**

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**NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA, KEHEWIN
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CREE NATION (the “Defendants”)**

This application is made against you. You are a respondent. You have the right to state your side of this matter before the master/judge.

To do so, you must be in Court when the application is heard as shown below:

Date: 3 April 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: **St. Paul Court of King’s Bench**

Before: **The Honourable presiding Justice**

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Remedy claimed or sought:

1. Laurelle Downey and Ramona Jebeaux, as proposed Representative Plaintiffs, seek an Order:
 - a. Certifying this Action as a class proceeding;
 - b. Defining the “Survivor Class” as follows:

all Aboriginal persons, wherever they may now reside or be domiciled, who attended Kehewin Community Education Centre, operated by the Defendant(s) during the Class Period;
 - c. Defining the “Family Law Class” as follows:

all Persons who are a spouse or former spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother or sister of a Survivor Class member and the spouse of a child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother or sister of a Survivor Class member;
 - d. Appointing Laurelle Downey and Ramona Jebeaux as Representative Plaintiffs of the proposed Classes;
 - e. Stipulating the following common issues for trial:

- i. Did the Defendants, through the direct or indirect establishment, funding, control, and maintenance of the Kehewin Community Education Centre throughout the Class Period owe a duty of care to the Survivor Class and/or Family Law Class, or any member of either Class?
 - ii. Did the Defendants, through the direct or indirect establishment, funding, control, and maintenance of the Kehewin Community Education Centre throughout the Class Period breach the requisite standard of care owed by it to the Survivor Class and/or the Family Law Class, or any member of either Class?
 - iii. Did the Defendants, through the direct or indirect establishment, funding, control, and maintenance of the Kehewin Community Education Centre breach a fiduciary duty owed to the Survivor Class and/or the Family Law Class, or any member of either Class?
 - iv. Did the Defendants, through the direct or indirect establishment, funding, control and maintenance of the Kehewin Community Education Centre breach the Aboriginal rights of the Survivor Class and/or the Family Law Class, or any member of either Class?
 - v. Did the Defendants, through the direct or indirect establishment, funding, control and maintenance of the Kehewin Community Education Centre breach a statutory obligation owed under the *Indian Act*, or any other statutes, to the Survivor Class and/or Family Class, or any member of either Class?
 - vi. What injury or damages have the Survivor Class and Family Law Class suffered as a result of the breaches the Defendants' malfeasance and/or nonfeasance identified in issues (1) through (v) above?
 - vii. Whether aggregate damages are available and, if so, on what basis and in what amount?
 - viii. What proportion of culpability should be attributed to each respective Defendant for the injuries and/or damages identified in issues (vi) and (vii)above?
- f. Approving the Plaintiff's proposed Litigation Plan attached hereto as **Appendix "A"** with any modifications, additions, or deletions as required by this Honourable Court;
 - g. Designating Grey Wowk Spencer LLP as exclusive legal counsel for the Survivor Class and Family Class;

- h. Staying any other putative class actions relating to this class proceeding pending further order of this Honourable Court;
- i. Granting costs of this Application; and
- j. Such further and other relief as counsel may request and this Court may permit.

Grounds for making this application:

- 2. This Application is brought by the proposed Representative Plaintiffs on the following grounds:
 - a. Rules 2(1)-(3), 5(1)-(3), 8, 9(1) and (3), 20(1)-(2), and 30(1) of the *Class Proceedings Act*, SA 2003, c C-16.5 (the “CPA”);
 - b. The nature of the claims brought on behalf of the Survivor Class and Family Law Class, or any member of either Class, are as set out in the Amended Statement of Claim filed with this Honourable Court on 7 September 2021;
 - c. The Amended Statement of Claim discloses a cause of action in negligence against the Defendants pursuant to Rule 5(1)(a) of the *CPA*;
 - d. There is an identifiable Class of 2 or more persons as identified in the pleadings pursuant to Rule 5(1)(b) of the *CPA*;
 - e. The claims of the Survivor Class and Family Law Class raise common issues of law and fact as disclosed in the pleadings pursuant to Rule 5(1)(c) of the *CPA*;
 - f. A class proceeding is the preferable procedure for the fair and efficient resolution of the common issues pursuant to Rule 5(1)(d) as it will avoid duplication of fact, finding and legal analysis while achieving the public policy aims of access to justice, judicial economy, and behavioural modification;
 - g. The pleadings disclose that the proposed Representative Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Survivor Class and Family Law Class pursuant to Rule 5(1)(e)(i);
 - h. The proposed Representative Plaintiffs have prepared a Litigation Plan, attached hereto as **Appendix “A”**, which sets out a workable method of advancing the Action on behalf of the proposed Classes and notifying the Class Members pursuant to Rule 5(1)(e)(ii);

- i. The proposed Representative Plaintiffs have produced a Litigation Plan which sets out a workable method of advancing the Action on behalf of the Class;
- j. The proposed Representative Plaintiffs do not have, on the common issues of law or fact, interests that are in conflict with the interests of the other Class Members or prospective Class Members pursuant to Rule 5(1)(e)(iii).

Material or evidence to be relied on:

3. The proposed Representative Plaintiffs will rely on the following material and evidence for this Application:
 - a. Amended Statement of Claim, filed September 7, 2021;
 - b. Affidavit of Laurelle Downey, sworn 16 January 2023;
 - c. Affidavit of Ramona Jebeaux, sworn 4 May 2022;
 - d. Any other pleadings or materials filed in the Action; and
 - e. Such further and other materials and evidence as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Applicable rules:

4. Rules 2.6(1)-(2), 2.9, and 6.3(1)-(3) of the *Alberta Rules of Court*;
5. Rules 2(1)-(3), 5(1)-(3), 8, 9(1) and (3), 20(1)-(2), and 30(1) of the *Class Proceedings Act*, SA 2003, c C-16.5; and
6. Such further and other rules as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Applicable Acts and regulations:

7. *Class Proceedings Act*, RSA 2003, C-16.5;
8. *Constitution Act, 1987*, 30 & 3' Victoria, c. 3 (U.K.);
9. *Constitution Act, 1982*, s.35 being Schedule B to the *Canada Act, 1982* (U.K.), 1982 C. 11;
10. *Family Law Act*, R.S.O., 1985, c. F-7 and equivalent legislation in other provinces and territories in Canada;

11. *Crown Liability and Proceedings Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. C-50;*
12. *Crown Liability Act, S.C. 1952-53, c. 30;*
13. *Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, R.S.Q., c. C-12;*
14. *Fatal Accidents Act, RSA 2000, Chapter F-8; and*
15. *School Act, RSA 2000, c S-3 (and all prior versions thereof, including *An Act Respecting School Attendance*, and the *Compulsory School Attendance Act*).*

Any irregularity complained of or objection relied on:

16. None.

How the application is proposed to be heard or considered:

17. This Application will be heard as directed by Case Management Justice, the Honourable Justice K. Feth.

WARNING

If you do not come to Court either in person or by your lawyer, the Court may give the applicant(s) what they want in your absence. You will be bound by any order that the Court makes. If you want to take part in this application, you or your lawyer must attend in Court on the date and at the time shown at the beginning of the form. If you intend to give evidence in response to the application, you must reply by filing an affidavit or other evidence with the Court and serving a copy of that affidavit or other evidence on the applicant(s) a reasonable time before the application is to be heard or considered.