Federal Court



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Date: 20240620

Docket: T-402-19 T-141-20 T-1120-21

Ottawa, Ontario, June 20, 2024

PRESENT: The Honourable Madam Justice Aylen

CLASS PROCEEDING

BETWEEN:

XAVIER MOUSHOOM, JEREMY MEAWASIGE (by his litigation guardian, Jonavon Joseph Meawasige) AND JONAVON JOSEPH MEAWASIGE

Plaintiffs

and

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA

Defendant

T-141-20

BETWEEN:

ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS, ASHLEY DAWN LOUISE BACH, KAREN OSACHOFF, MELISSA WALTERSON, NOAH BUFFALO-JACKSON (by his litigation guardian, Carolyn Buffalo), CAROLYN BUFFALO AND DICK EUGENE JACKSON also known as RICHARD JACKSON

Plaintiffs

and

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Defendant

T-1120-21

BETWEEN:

ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS and ZACHEUS JOSEPH TROUT

Plaintiffs

and

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA

Defendant

ORDER

(Claims Approval Process – Removed Child Class and Removed Child Family Class)

UPON MOTION by the Settlement Implementation Committee, heard at a special sitting of the Court on June 19, 2024, for:

- (a) An order approving the proposed claims process for the Removed Child Class and the Removed Child Family Class and its associated draft claim forms substantially in the form appended as Schedule A to the Notice of Motion, subject to the right of the Plaintiffs or the Settlement Implementation Committee, as the case may be, to make non-material amendments thereto as may be necessary or advisable; and
- (b) Such further and other relief as counsel may request and this Court may deem just;

AND CONSIDERING the motion materials filed by the parties, the motion materials filed by the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society [Caring Society] and the submissions of counsel for the parties and the Caring Society at the hearing of the motion;

AND CONSIDERING that the Defendant consents to the relief sought;

AND CONSIDERING that the Caring Society supports the approval of the proposed claims process but seeks directions from the Court as to whether the Settlement Implementation Committee should be compelled to submit additional items to the Court for approval, as set out in the Caring Society's written representations;

AND CONSIDERING that, for reasons to be issued separately, the Court is satisfied that the claims process should be approved;

AND CONSIDERING that a determination on the Caring Society's requested directions is reserved and shall be addressed by way of a separate order;

THIS COURT ORDERS that:

 The proposed claims process for the Removed Child Class and the Removed Child Family Class and its associated draft claim forms substantially in the form appended as Schedule A to the Notice of Motion is approved, subject to the right of the Plaintiffs or the Settlement Implementation Committee, as the case may be, to make non-material amendments thereto as may be necessary or advisable. 2. There shall be no costs of this motion.

"Mandy Aylen" Judge

FEDERAL COURT

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- PLACE OF HEARING: OTTAWA, ONTARIO
- **DATE OF HEARING:** JUNE 19, 2024
- **ORDER AND REASONS:** AYLEN J.
- **DATED:** JUNE 20, 2024

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