



Public Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System

IN THE MATTER OF the Investigation into the Treatment, Experience and Outcome in the Child Protection System of JACOB COLLINS (deceased on February 6, 2020)

ORDER

WHEREAS pursuant to the Application of Virginia Collins (the “**Applicant**”), mother of **Jacob Collins** (born March 25, 1997), the Commissioners of the Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System (the “**Inquiry**”) ordered an Investigation (the “**Investigation**”) pursuant to s. 4(2) of the Inquiry’s Terms of Reference (Order-in-Council 2022-103);

AND WHEREAS the Investigation is conducted with the consent of the Applicant and she may withdraw her consent at any time, terminating the Investigation.

AND WHEREAS Counsel for the Applicant and Inquiry Counsel have conferred together and consulted with Counsel for Parties with General Standing;

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that the Investigation proceeding will be a facilitated circle process, with the possibility of a formal hearing to address specific issues;

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that the Inquiry will issue a final Order setting out the particulars of the facilitated circle, and that Parties with standing will have an opportunity to provide their input;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Inquiry will investigate the following:

- i. Options to meet Jacob’s needs for mental health services and support, and whether there were alternatives to going into care, and to going out-of-province;
- ii. Jacob’s experience in out of province placements, including mental health services;
- iii. Barriers to CSSD monitoring and supervision of the foster home and lack of courtesy social worker while in Ontario;
- iv. Whether the long-term foster home caused Jacob harm;

- v. Reintegration planning and support for Jacob when exiting care and custody of the Manager, including any youth services;
- vi. Communication and barriers to communication between CSSD and Jacob, and CSSD and the Applicant; and
- vii. Jacob's access to Innu culture including land-based activities, Innu language (Innu-aimun), community connection and family connection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Inquiry will not investigate the following:

- i. The manner and immediate cause of Jacob's death; and
- ii. Jacob's life prior to being sent out of province for placement, except in relation to question (i).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT evidence in respect of the investigation may be collected through an investigative process consisting of interviews, affidavits and interrogatories, resulting in a report to Commissioners.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Parties are expected to identify to Inquiry Counsel any factual issues or disputes at an early stage and as soon as they are known to the Party.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Inquiry Counsel prepare a statement of facts.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2025.



The Hon. James Igloliorte
Commissioner



Ms. Anastasia Qupee
Commissioner



Dr. Michael Devine
Commissioner