



## 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 WALLY RICH (deceased May 22, 2020)**

### **ORDER**

**WHEREAS** pursuant to the Application of Nympha Rich (the “**Applicant**”), parent of **Wally Rich**, born September 2, 2004, 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** counsel for Nympha Rich, William Hiscock, has advised that it was always the intention for Etien Rich to be a Co-Applicant;

**AND WHEREAS** the Investigation is to be conducted with the consent of the Applicants and they may withdraw their consent at any time, terminating the Investigation;

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

**AND WHEREAS** it is anticipated that the Investigation proceedings will be a facilitated circle hearing process;

**AND WHEREAS** it is anticipated that the Inquiry will issue circle hearing plan setting out the particulars of these proceedings, and that Parties with standing will have an opportunity to provide their input;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the Standing Order dated October 14, 2022 is hereby amended to include Etien Rich as a Co-Applicant;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** the Inquiry will investigate the following:

- i. The availability services for parents and children in Natuashish;
- ii. The effects of the approach taken by the group home placement;
- iii. Mental health services (or lack of) provided to Wally while at the group home placement;

- iv. Support and resources provided to the group home placement by CSSD;
- v. Appropriateness of the skills, training and supervision of group home placement staff; and
- vi. Communication between group home placement, CSSD and the parents while Wally was at the group home placement.

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

- i. Any events in Wally's life before his entry into the group home placement.

**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.

**DATED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025



**The Hon. James Igloliorte**  
Commissioner



**Ms. Anastasia Qupee**  
Commissioner



**Dr. Michael Devine**  
Commissioner