



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

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Kathleen Healey
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Dear Ms. Healey,

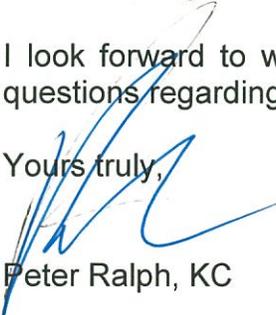
Please find enclosed with this letter an Order issued by the Commissioners which grants Thomas Poker Investigation Standing in relation to the investigation of the death of James Poker.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has issued an Order in Council (OC2022-104) which provides that the family of each deceased Innu child or youth whose death will be investigated shall be provided funding to facilitate their participation in the Inquiry. I suggest that you contact Mr. Mike Noseworthy, Assistant Deputy Minister in the Department of Justice and Public Safety, regarding the steps required to receive that funding. He can be reached at 729-2597 and at MikeNoseworthy@gov.nl.ca.

The Order granting Investigation Standing grants Thomas Poker standing only in relation to the investigation of the death of James.

I look forward to working with you during the course of the Inquiry. If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matter please don't hesitate to call.

Yours truly,


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**IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Thomas Poker for an Investigation
of the Death of James Poker**

ORDER

WHEREAS Thomas Poker (“the Applicant”) submitted an application on September 29th, 2022, to have the Public Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System (hereinafter the “Inquiry”) conduct an Investigation of the death of James Poker pursuant to s. 4(2) of the Terms of Reference (NLR 27/22);

AND WHEREAS the Commissioners have reviewed the application and determined that the criteria specified in s. 4(2) of the Terms of Reference are met;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT pursuant to s 4(2) of the Terms of Reference the Inquiry shall conduct an Investigation of the death of James Poker;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, pursuant to the authority granted to the Commissioners by s. 5 of the *Public Inquires Act, 2006*, SNL 2006 c.P-38.1 and by Part XI of the Rules of Procedure, Investigation Standing is hereby granted to Thomas Poker in relation to the Investigation of the death of James Poker, and Thomas Poker shall have the right to participate in all aspects of the Formal Hearings pertaining to the Investigation of the death of James Poker, including:

- i) The right to cross examine witnesses;
- ii) The right to request that the Commissioners direct Commission Counsel to call particular witnesses;
- iii) The right to make closing written and/or oral Submissions at the conclusion of a Formal Hearing and at the conclusion of the Inquiry;
- iv) Access to documents relevant to the Investigation;
- v) Any other rights to participate as may be granted by the Commissioners.

Funding shall be provided to facilitate their participation in the Inquiry, pursuant to Order in Council No. OC2022-104, which funding shall be sufficient to cover, particular to the topic of that case:

- i) preparation for the Inquiry;
- ii) presentation of witnesses, documents and other submissions to the inquiry, and listening and responding to the evidence of other parties;
- iii) follow-up to the Inquiry report; and
- iv) legal counsel to assist with the above;

DATED this 2nd day of November, 2022.


James Igloliorte
Commission Chair


Dr. Michael Devine
Commissioner


Anastasia Qupee
Commissioner