



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

James J. Igloliorte
Commissioner

Dr. Michael Devine
Commissioner

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**IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Steve and Mary Rich for an Investigation
of the Death of Faith Rich**

ORDER

WHEREAS Steve Rich and Mary Rich (“the Applicants”) submitted an application on September 9th, 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 Faith Rich 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 Faith Rich;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, pursuant to the authority granted to the Commissioners by s. 5 of the *Public Inquiries Act, 2006*, SNL 2006 c.P-38.1 and by Part XI of the Rules of Procedure, Investigation Standing is hereby granted to Steve Rich and Mary Rich in relation to the Investigation of the death of Faith Rich, and they shall have the right to participate in all aspects of the Formal Hearings pertaining to the Investigation of the death of Faith Rich, 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 4 day of October, 2022.


James Igloliorte
Commission Chair


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Commissioner


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Commissioner