

## **DETAILED NOTICE**

### **THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

#### ***Introduction***

You are receiving this Notice because you may have attended at either, or both, of Stirland Lake High School (also known as Wahbon Academy) and/or Cristal Lake High School, which formerly operated at Stirland Lake and Cristal Lake, respectively, between 1971 and 1990, and 1976 and 1986, respectively. The Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the “Court”) has ordered that all former residents/students be sent this notice for the purpose of providing information about the motion to add these schools to the list of eligible “Indian Residential Schools” under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (“IRSS Agreement”) and your legal rights.

#### ***Representative Order***

1. By Order dated June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Windigo First Nations Council were appointed Representative Parties of all former residents/students of Stirland Lake High School and Cristal Lake High School to bring a motion requesting that the Court add these high schools to the list of eligible “Indian Residential Schools” under the IRSS Agreement on behalf of all former residents/students of the schools (the “Applicant Group”).

***Purpose of Motion***

The purpose of this motion is to request the Court to add Stirland Lake and Cristal Lake to the IRSS Agreement. If successful, all former residents/students will become eligible to submit applications for the Common Experience Payment, and under the Independent Application Process for those who suffered abuse and/or mistreatment at either of the schools within the parameters set out by the IRSS Agreement.

***Legal Rights***

1. If you would like to make your own comments to the Court on this motion, separate from that of Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Windigo First Nations Council, you need the Court's permission to do so. This is called "intervenor status". The decision to grant intervener status is reserved to the Court. You must file your motion (request) to acquire intervener status with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, in care of Randy Bennett, Court Monitor, Rueter Scargall Bennett LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, 155 University Avenue, Suite 600, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3B7, referencing Court File No. 00-CV-192059CP - *Larry Philip Fontaine et al.* (Plaintiffs) and *The Attorney General of Canada et al.* (Defendants) – Proceedings Under the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.6 by no later than **February 15, 2010**. You may wish to retain the services of a lawyer to assist you with this motion; however, there is no funding for the hiring of private counsel.

2. If you are supportive of the motion (request) to add one or both of these schools to the IRSS Agreement, you do not have to do anything since Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Windigo First Nations Council will be making arguments on your behalf.

***Applicant Group***

1. Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Windigo First Nations Council have appointed Susan M. Vella of Rochon Genova LLP as counsel.
2. **Ms. Vella** can be contacted:
  - By *telephone* at: 1.866.881.2292, Ext. 242 (toll free number);
  - By *telephone* at: 416.363.7627 (direct line); or
  - By *email* at: [svella@rochongenova.com](mailto:svella@rochongenova.com); or
  - By *mail* directed to Susan M. Vella c/o Rochon Genova LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, 121 Richmond Street West, Suite 900, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2K1.
3. Please consult the websites of **Nishnawbe Aski Nation** at [www.nan.on.ca](http://www.nan.on.ca), **Windigo First Nations Council** at [www.windigo.on.ca](http://www.windigo.on.ca), **The Assembly of First Nations** at [www.afn.ca](http://www.afn.ca) or **Rochon Genova** at [www.rochongenova.com](http://www.rochongenova.com) for periodic updates on the motion and documents filed with the Court, including, Orders of the Court and any applicable court dates.

*Additional Information*

1. Any questions about this Notice or the motion to add Stirland Lake High School and Cristal Lake High School as eligible Indian Residential Schools under the IRSS Agreement should **not** be directed to the Court, which is not equipped to address such inquiries. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Applicant Group's legal counsel (Ms. Vella), or by consulting any of the above-stated websites.