

Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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Resolution 07/60

Cristal Lake and Stirland Lake Residential Schools Class Action Law Suit

WHEREAS Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly Resolution 05-15 established that the Mennonite boarding schools in Cristal Lake and Stirland Lake were residential schools;

WHEREAS former students of these schools survived the same experiences as survivors of other residential schools;

WHEREAS former students of these schools are not acknowledged as residential school survivors by the federal government and its agencies and therefore cannot pursue claims;

WHEREAS former students of these schools deserve fair and equitable access to funding for their healing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly support Windigo First Nations Council in their submission to have the Cristal Lake and Stirland Lake Residential Schools added to the list of recognized Indian Residential Schools eligible for the Common Experience Payment;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Nishnawbe Aski Nation Executive to explore other options, such as a class action lawsuit, and to identify a law firm to undertake such a proceeding against: the federal government of Canada, the Mennonite Northern Youth Program, and other appropriate organizations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED Nishnawbe Aski Nation is mandated to seek and find support of individuals ready and willing to participate as lead plaintiffs in a future class action law suit.

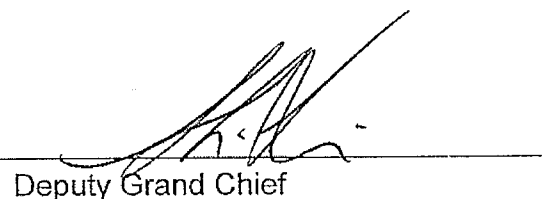
DATED AT AROLAND FIRST NATION, THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2007.

Moved By: Chief Joshua Frogg, Wawakapewin First Nation

Seconded By: Chief Pierre Morriseau, North Caribou Lake First Nation

CARRIED.


Grand Chief


Deputy Grand Chief