

MEMORANDUM

Robert Winogron

To: Chief and Council, Cold Lake First Nations
Re: Update on the Federal Indian Day School Class Action
Date: July 25, 2019

You have asked for a briefing on the status of the Federal Indian Day School Class Action.

The Federal Court is currently deciding on whether to approve the Settlement Agreement that was announced on March 12, 2019.

The Settlement Agreement provides compensation to former students who experienced harms while attending an Indian Day School. The settlement also includes a Legacy Fund that will provide funding to support commemoration projects, health and wellness projects, and language and culture initiatives.

The Federal Court must be satisfied that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Class before the terms of the settlement can be implemented. A Settlement Approval Hearing was held on May 13th, 14th, and 15th in Winnipeg, MB, where Class Counsel made oral submissions on why the Settlement Agreement should be approved.

If the Court approves the Settlement Agreement, a 90-day opt out period will begin. Individuals who do not wish to participate in this class action may remove themselves from the settlement by opting out. More details on the opt out procedure will be made available if the Court approves the Settlement Agreement.

Applications for compensation under the settlement are not currently available. Gowling WLG will make an announcement that application forms are available along with the application deadline sometime after the Court has made a decision.

Those who attended Cold Lake Day School, also known as Legoff Day School, between March 1, 1922 and June 30, 1933, or between September 1, 1953 to September 1, 1997 are included in this action.

More information on the Federal Indian Day School Class Action can be found at www.indiandayschools.com or by calling our toll free number 1-844-539-3815.

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