
RESPONSES

Re: Gamblers First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Inquiry

Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, to
Daniel J. Bellegarde, Carole T. Corcoran, Roger Augustine, Indian Claims
Commission,

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Re: Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority (QVIDA) Flooding
Claim Inquiry

Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, to
Chief Eugene Anaquod, Muscowpetung First Nation,
Chief Mathew Peigan, Pasqua First Nation,
Chief Melvin Isnana, Standing Buffalo First Nation,
Chief Lyle Acoose, Sakimay First Nation,
Chief Terrance Pelletier, Cowessess First Nation, and
Chief Denton George, Ochapowace First Nation,

December 3, 1998

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Commission Co-Chair Daniel J. Bellegarde
Commissioner Carole T. Corcoran
Commissioner Roger Augustine
Indian Claims Commission
P.O. Box 1750, Station B
OTTAWA ON K1P 1A2

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your letter of October 22, 1998, addressed to the Chief and Council of the Gamblers First Nation, to my colleague, the Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and to me, which accompanied the Indian Claims Commission's (ICC) report on the Gamblers First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Inquiry.

I have been advised of the details of the ICC findings in this inquiry and have noted that the ICC has found that the Gamblers First Nation has failed to establish that its date of first survey was 1883, and that the 1881 surrender for exchange had no impact on the basis for calculating the First Nation's TLE. I accept this finding along with the Commission's recommendation.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Commission for its work in the conduct of this inquiry, which has culminated in this helpful Report of Inquiry. The Commission has provided a cogent and comprehensive analysis of the relevant facts surrounding this issue, and with this report, adds to the Commission's existing body of work on TLE issues.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Stewart, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, P.C., M.P.
Chief and Council

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Chief Eugene Anaquod
Muscowpetung First Nation
P.O. Box 1310
FORT QU'APPELLE SK S0G 1S0

Dear Chief Anaquod:

I would like to advise you that Canada has now finalised its position with respect to the Indian Claims Commission Inquiry into the Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority (QVIDA) Flooding Claim.

As you know, Canada has been considering its position on the QVIDA Flooding Claim since the release of the ICC Report in February 1998. I am pleased to inform you that Canada will accept the Muscowpetung First Nation's Flooding Claim for negotiation, under the Specific Claims Policy.

As a result of our review, the federal government agrees with the ICC's recommendation that it negotiate the Muscowpetung First Nation's Flooding Claim on the basis that Canada did not properly authorize the flooding of reserve lands.

I have requested that Ms. Paulette Panzeri, Director, Negotiations Operations, contact you concerning the particulars of the negotiation of your claim.

I wish you the best for your negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Mathew Peigan
Pasqua First Nation
P.O. Box 968
FORT QU'APPELLE SK S0G 1S0

Dear Chief Peigan:

I would like to advise you that Canada has now finalised its position with respect to the Indian Claims Commission Inquiry into the Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority (QVIDA) Flooding Claim.

As you know, Canada has been considering its position on the QVIDA Flooding Claim since the release of the ICC Report in February 1998. I am pleased to inform you that Canada will accept the Pasqua First Nation's Flooding Claim for negotiation, under the Specific Claims Policy.

As a result of our review, the federal government agrees with the ICC's recommendation that it negotiate the Pasqua First Nation's Flooding Claim on the basis that Canada did not properly authorize the flooding of reserve lands.

I have requested that Ms. Paulette Panzeri, Director, Negotiations Operations, contact you concerning the particulars of the negotiation of your claim.

I wish you the best for your negotiations.

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Chief Melvin Isnana
Standing Buffalo First Nation
P.O. Box 128
FORT QU'APPELLE SK S0G 1S0

Dear Chief Isnana:

I would like to advise you that Canada has now finalised its position with respect to the Indian Claims Commission Inquiry into the Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority (QVIDA) Flooding Claim.

As you know, Canada has been considering its position on the QVIDA Flooding Claim since the release of the ICC Report in February 1998. I am pleased to inform you that Canada will accept the Standing Buffalo First Nation's Flooding Claim for negotiation, under the Specific Claims Policy.

As a result of our review, the federal government agrees with the ICC's recommendation that it negotiate the Standing Buffalo First Nation's Flooding Claim on the basis that Canada did not properly authorize the flooding of reserve lands.

I have requested that Ms. Paulette Panzeri, Director, Negotiations Operations, contact you concerning the particulars of the negotiation of your claim.

I wish you the best for your negotiations.

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Chief Lyle Acoose
Sakimay First Nation
P.O. Box 339
GRENFELL SK S0G 2B0

Dear Chief Acoose:

I would like to advise you that Canada has now finalised its position with respect to the Indian Claims Commission Inquiry into the Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority (QVIDA) Flooding Claim.

As you know, Canada has been considering its position on the QVIDA Flooding Claim since the release of the ICC Report in February 1998. I am pleased to inform you that Canada will accept the Sakimay First Nation's Flooding Claim for negotiation, under the Specific Claims Policy.

As a result of our review, the federal government agrees with the ICC's recommendation that it negotiate the Sakimay First Nation's Flooding Claim on the basis that Canada did not properly authorize the flooding of reserve lands.

I have requested that Ms. Paulette Panzeri, Director, Negotiations Operations, contact you concerning the particulars of the negotiation of your claim.

I wish you the best for your negotiations.

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Chief Terrance Pelletier
Cowessess First Nation
P.O. Box 100
COWESSESS SK S0G 5L0

Dear Chief Pelletier:

I would like to advise you that Canada has now finalised its position with respect to the Indian Claims Commission Inquiry into the Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority (QVIDA) Flooding Claim.

As you know, Canada has been considering its position on the QVIDA Flooding Claim since the release of the ICC Report in February 1998. I am pleased to inform you that Canada will accept the Cowessess First Nation's Flooding Claim for negotiation, under the Specific Claims Policy.

As a result of our review, the federal government agrees with the ICC's recommendation that it negotiate the Cowessess First Nation's Flooding Claim on the basis that Canada did not properly authorize the flooding of reserve lands.

I have requested that Ms. Paulette Panzeri, Director, Negotiations Operations, contact you concerning the particulars of the negotiation of your claim.

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Chief Denton George
Ochapowace First Nation
P.O. Box 550
WHITEWOOD SK S0G 5C0

Dear Chief George:

I would like to advise you that Canada has now finalised its position with respect to the Indian Claims Commission Inquiry into the Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority (QVIDA) Flooding Claim.

As you know, Canada has been considering its position on the QVIDA Flooding Claim since the release of the ICC Report in February 1998. I am pleased to inform you that Canada will accept the Ochapowace First Nation's Flooding Claim for negotiation, under the Specific Claims Policy.

As a result of our review, the federal government agrees with the ICC's recommendation that it negotiate the Ochapowace First Nation's Flooding Claim on the basis that Canada did not properly authorize the flooding of reserve lands.

I have requested that Ms. Paulette Panzeri, Director, Negotiations Operations, contact you concerning the particulars of the negotiation of your claim.

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