

**FILE NO.:** SCT-1001-16  
**DATE:** 20171123

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS TRIBUNAL  
TRIBUNAL DES REVENDICATIONS PARTICULIÈRES**

**BETWEEN:** )  
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) Delia Opekokew and Kiel Ardal, for the  
) Claimant )  
Claimant )  
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- and - )  
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT )  
OF CANADA )  
As represented by the Minister of Indian ) Patricia MacPhee, for the Respondent  
Affairs and Northern Development )  
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) Respondent )  
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) **HEARD:** November 16, 2017

**ENDORSEMENT**

**Honourable Paul Mayer**

A Case Management Conference (CMC) was held by teleconference on November 16, 2017, at 1:00 P.M., Eastern Time (Ottawa).

[1] The oral history evidence hearing will be held on **January 9 and 10, 2018** in the Claimant's community. Videoconferencing facilities will be available as an alternative for the

Respondent in the event of inclement weather. The Claimant confirmed there is no need for an interpreter at the hearing.

[2] A site visit of the Reserve will be held immediately before the beginning of the oral history evidence hearing on **January 9, 2018**.

[3] The Oral History Protocol on behalf of both Parties, was filed with the Tribunal by the Claimant on November 14, 2017. The Parties will respect the deadlines in the Oral History Protocol but dates for the exchange of Will-Say Statements may change. To give time to the Respondent to file their anticipated questions before the holiday season, the Claimant has agreed to provide Will-Say Statements earlier than the agreed-upon date in the Protocol. Alternatively, the Respondent will file their anticipated questions for cross-examination on or before **January 4, 2018**.

[4] The Respondent has provided the Claimant with an index of documents relevant to the Claim. The Claimant is in the process of cross-referencing these documents and has committed to identify any missing documents before the hearing on **January 9, 2018**.

[5] The Claimant confirmed that their research expert is in the process of reviewing documents and has yet to provide a report. The Claimant does not have a timeline on when the report will be finished, but confirmed it is moving forward. The Oral History Protocol allows the witnesses to testify as a panel. The Claimant expects to rely on the testimony of six witnesses. Three witnesses will testify as a panel and three will testify individually. The Claimant expects to have the individual witnesses testify first, followed by the panel of three witnesses.

[6] There will be no other CMC before the hearing.

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