

Dear Sixties Scoop Survivors:

I am so pleased we are where we are. Now, we are going forward with the settlement discussions and also, at the same time, the continuation of our case for financial compensation.

I want to make clear that I, as your representative plaintiff from the very beginning, back in February of 2009, will not settle without settlement including all persons who are the survivors of the Sixties Scoop. “All persons” means that it does not matter whether you were, or were not, living on the reserve when you were removed, or you were removed before 1965, or that you are not a status “Indian”. Survivors, for the purpose of settlement, includes all aboriginals who suffered harm as a result of the Sixties Scoop.

I repeat: all that mattered to me when I started this case with Robert Commanda was that everyone who experienced the harm would receive compensation in any financial settlement. That is all that still matters to me.

SO: ALL THOSE WHO EXPERIENCED THE HARM OF THE SIXTIES SCOOP ARE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION IN ANY FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CANADA.

I am therefore sending out this message for any and all persons who experienced the harm of the Sixties Scoop to register with our case by:

- clicking on the words “**Registration as a Class Member**” at the top of the website page at www.sixtiesscoopclaim.com and sending in the **registration form**, or
- contacting us by **phone** at: [416-956-5625](tel:416-956-5625), [1-866-360-5952](tel:1-866-360-5952) (toll free), or
- sending in an email at: thesixtiesscoopclaim@gmail.com

I have learned that there are other lawyers attempting to organize a new representative to our claim in a new and separate case. I share this with you about this new case with a different lawyer:

1. Our case is the only case in Canada that is certified as a class action;
2. Our case is, therefore, the only case in Canada with a decision finding the Government of Canada legally responsible for the harm we suffered;
3. Our case is, therefore, the only case in Canada at the stage of pursuing damages before the Court, if settlement discussions end; and
4. Our case is the case copied by the other lawyers in other jurisdictions. Those cases, including the new and separate one in Ontario, are at the beginning of litigation, with their lawyers doing nothing until our case was decided.
5. Our case is the case that has brought Canada to the table to discuss settlement. Our case is the case that has awakened Canada to the fact of what the Minister calls “the dark chapter in Canadian history”.

SO, let us honour those survivors who are, sadly, not with us by joining together and **all of us**, status or non-status, living or not living on a Band reserve when removed, forced off our lands before or after 1965, coming forward and registering.

ONCE YOU COME FORWARD AND REGISTER, THEN:

- **WE WILL BE SENDING TO YOU REGULAR UPDATES ON THE CASE AND ON THE STATUS OF THE SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS**
- **YOU WILL KNOW AS MUCH AS I DO, AND AS SOON AS I DO, ABOUT FINANCIAL COMPENSATION**
- **YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS THAT I, AND OUR FIRST NATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE, WILL HAVE WITH YOU ABOUT ANY SETTLEMENT. YOU WILL BE TALKING TO US, NOT ONLY THE LAWYERS!**

ALL OF US: let us be one with our history to make sure this never happens again.

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Chief Marcia Martel (Brown)