

Val-d'Or, March 26, 2018

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To : M^{me} Rena Smoke, Coordinator
Akwasasne Justice Committee

From : M^c Marie-Andrée Denis-Boileau, Counsel

Subject : Request for information within the scope of the work conducted by the
*Public Inquiry Commission on Relations between Indigenous Peoples and
certain Public Services in Québec: listening, reconciliation and progress*

File N° : DG-0137-C

Mrs. Smoke,

Within the scope of its work, the Public Inquiry Commission on Relations between Indigenous Peoples and Certain Public Services in Québec: listening, reconciliation and progress (Public Inquiry Commission) solicits your collaboration in order to obtain information on the **funding of Community Justice Committees**.

The Public Inquiry Commission aims at documenting Justice Committee's funding resources and needs throughout the province in order to recommend appropriate changes in public services. We have sent the following questions to all the Justice Committees throughout Quebec.

For this purpose, we are hoping to get your perspectives and experiences on the field regarding the following questions:

1. How many Justice Committees do you represent (names, communities included)?
2. Could you describe the current financial situation of the Akwasasne Justice Committee? Including:
 - What is your annual budget (for each Justice Committee, if applicable)?
What has been your annual budget in the last five years?
 - What are your current sources of funding (governmental partnership, subvention, foundations, and programs)? What is the amount received for each source of funding? Regarding government funding, please specify the level of government involved (federal, provincial, municipal, reserve), as well as the name of the financial program.
 - Was Akwasasne approached in order to create a Justice Committee, or did you create it and seek funding on your own initiative?
 - Are your sources of funding recurring, or are they rather in the short or medium term? If so, for how long are your sources of funding secured for?
 - In the last fifteen years, or since the creation of your Committee, has your financing increased or reduced? For what reasons?
3. How many employees are working full time or part-time for the Akwasasne Justice Committee?

4. In terms of spending, what is the annual payroll of the Akwesasne Justice Committee?
5. Do you have volunteers working at the Akwesasne Justice Committee? If so, how many, and what are their main roles and tasks?

Please also consider sending any information or documents supporting the information in response to this request, even if they are not included in the aforementioned list, to help the Public Inquiry Commission fulfill its mandate, which reads as follows :

Taking into consideration the issues mentioned in the preamble of decree 1095-2016, to investigate, address facts and conduct analyses in order to make recommendations concerning concrete, effective, lasting remedial measures to be implemented by the Government of Québec and indigenous officials to prevent or eliminate, regardless of their origin or cause, all forms of violence, discriminatory practices and differential treatment in the delivery of the following public services to Québec's indigenous people: police, correctional, legal, health and social services, as well as youth protection services.

We greatly appreciate your contribution to the mandate of the Public Inquiry Commission.

Please confirm the reception of the present letter. We would greatly appreciate an answer to the above questions **within the next thirty (30) days**.

You may send the information and documents by email to Mrs. Nicole Durocher nicole.durocher@cerp.gouv.qc.ca. If the documents are tagged as confidential, we suggest making our Secure Document Sharing (SDS) platform available to you. If you find this solution convenient, please confirm by email nicole.durocher@cerp.gouv.qc.ca so that we can send you the procedure for using our SDS platform. If you prefer to send the information in an envelope, please have it delivered by **courier service** to the following address:

Mrs. Nicole Durocher
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Indigenous Peoples and certain Public Services in Québec*
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If one or more of the requested documents cannot be communicated to us for whatever reason, please notify us in writing and state the reasons. For any questions concerning this letter of request, please contact Mrs. Marie-Andrée Denis-Boileau by email marie-andree.denis-boileau@cerp.gouv.qc.ca or phone 819 354-4014.

We thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

M^e Marie-Andrée Denis-Boileau

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1. How many Justice Committees do you represent (names, Communities, included)?

1 – Community Neh Ka'nikonri:io Council

2. Could you describe the current financial situation of the Akwesasne Community Justice Program?

We have contribution agreements with Ministry of Justice Quebec, Justice Canada and Ministry of Attorney General Ontario.

Including:

- What is your annual budget (for each Justice Committee, if applicable)? *\$149,000*

- What has been your annual budget in the last five years?

\$123,620 increased to \$149,000 for Indigenous Courtworker services.

- What are your current sources of funding (governmental partnership, subvention, foundations, and programs)?

Justice Quebec - \$23,575

Justice Canada - \$63,725

Ministry of Attorney Ontario - \$11,147

- What is the amount received for each source of funding? Regarding government funding, please specify the level of government involved (federal, provincial, municipal, reserve), as well as the name of the financial program. *See above.*

- Was Akwesasne approached in order to create a Justice Committee, or did you create it and seek funding on your own initiative? *Akwesasne Community Justice Program was approached by Crown Attorney from Cornwall, ON in 1996. ACJP started receiving funding in 1999 from MAG and Justice Quebec and Justice Canada.*
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- Are your sources of funding recurring, or are they rather in the short or medium term? If so, for how long are your sources of funding secured for? *Various. Agreements have been yearly, to a five year agreement then 2 year agreement.*
- In the last fifteen years, or since the creation of your Committee, has your financing increased or reduced? For what reasons? *Increased in 2017, with the need for full time Courtworker, Gladue Writer, Gladue Aftercare Worker and Victim Support Worker. All have contribution agreements with Ministry of Attorney General. However we do provide services to our Akwesasne, Quebec residents. We attend court in Valleyfield, Quebec every Monday. Gladue Writer goes to Bourdeaux Jail to meet with clients who need Gladue Reports, attends Waseskun House and Orentoken Treatment Center to meet with clients.*

3. How many employees are working full time or part -time for the Akwesasne Justice Committee? *I will attach organizational chart. We need part time funding for an Administrative Assistant for a full time assistant.*

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Justice Department
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