

## Statutory Declaration

I, Mistacheesick, Marjorie, Hilltop Drive, Wemindji, ddn : 1953-05-20  
(Name, first name, adress, birth date)

Declared in front of Michelle DeChamplain, Investigator Agent, on May 24th, 2018

I do solemnly declare that,

### Health – Medical Clinic of Wemindji

Once, I went to the medical clinic in Wemindji. It was around 2009 to 2013. It was in December and I went there because I was not feeling well and I knew it was something wrong with me. The nurse of the clinic listen to my lungs with a stethoscope and she was saying that everything was fine with me. Then, after I went home. Even if I was not feeling well, my daughter, her husband, my husband and I decide to go down south by car to go shopping for Christmas. During the trip I really felt sick. I had difficulty to breathe and I had chilled, so we stop and sleep in Amos thinking that the day after I will be OK but I was not. I went to the hospital in Amos and they took an X-ray and they diagnose pneumonia. The doctors gave me antibiotics.

It happens to me twice that I went to the clinic in Wemindji and the nurses didn't believe me that I was sick. The other time I discovered that I had bronchitis.

The fact that the clinic didn't treat me correctly, it cost me money to be treated in Amos (travel, room, food)

Were you satisfied of the services in the hospital in Amos?

Yes, very satisfy

The first time you went to the clinic in Wemindji, did you see a doctor?

No and I don't remember if there was a doctor present at that moment.

When I came back in my community, I went back to the clinics to show my prescription to the staff. They said that they will ask for my file in Amos. I don't know if they really get my file but I gave them my authorization.

Declarer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Declared before me, \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

I went another time in 2015 at the clinics. The first nurse checked on me and send me home after. I was not feeling well but she told me that if I still not feeling well to come back. That's what I did and I return to the clinic with my daughter and that time, it was another nurse that checked on me and gave me antibiotics because she was saying that I was developing pneumonia. I felt better after.

My nephew, Eric Mistacheesick, died of pneumonia. I was working at the clinic for the youth protection in 2012-2013. I remember seeing him a couple of times seating in the waiting area to see a nurse. I ask the family about his death. He was complaining that he was sick and found out he had pneumonia. I have the impression that they didn't believe him and they neglected their job. However my nephew knew his body and knew he was sick.

My mother passed away too by pneumonia in 1986. When she was sick, the doctors treated her in Chisasibi and decide to send her home. They told us she had cancer. I knew she was not alright and I wanted her to be transferred down south but it didn't happen that way.

So it makes me realize that nothing had changed for many years regarding the health department in our community.

Do you know if the family of your nephew made a complaint about the services of the clinic?

No, they didn't. I think that the people here are afraid to complain due to the lack of confidentiality. When people live depression or something else regarding their health, they just don't want to be identified in the clinic. I know that they're a lot of members of our community who suffered from depression.

Did you make a complaint concerning the clinic?

No

I think the nurses should believe people and they said that they are sick and not send them home right away. They need to take time with us, believe us, do a professional check-up and give us proper medication. At least refer us to the hospital of Chisasibi if they don't have appropriate skills or tolls to evaluate the state of our health. I think that they are more preoccupied with the financial side than the human.

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Enquêteur

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Déclarant

## Youth Protection

I start to work for the DYP in Wemindji in 1984.

In May 2014, a consultant of Montreal for the DYP came with another social worker here in Wemindji to talk to me. They met me to talk about the fact that I was not doing my job. I was a team leader at that time and I had more than 3 months left got my retirement. They just ended my job right away. They accused me that I sell alcohol for other in my community. I never did that and I was against that. They accused me that I didn't report a case of protection of a member of my family but I did. It's supposed to be confidential when someone reports a situation at the DYP. The next day, they told me that they were wrong. That they believe I never sells alcohol.


After that, I've always thought that I was fired but I knew later that I was laid off.

I didn't like their approach because they were stranger to me. I've seen the consultant once. He's the one who trained the DYP over here.

Before doing those reproaches, they should take the time to check their information. I felt like they betrayed me. I'm a good person, I work hard here and did over time. I liked my work. I did that jobs for over 30 years. I wish no social workers should be treated that way.

The non-native should know more about our culture so that way they will understand better how to approach us. It's not because you have a diploma that you have more knowledge about our reality than us. I don't like the way I was treated and wish first native should never be treated like that by someone who doesn't know us.

La présente déclaration statutaire a été présentée par : téléphone , courriel , courrier , en personne  à monsieur/madame Marjorie Mistacheesick qui nous confirme que son contenu correspond bel et bien à ce qu'il/qu'elle nous a rapporté(e) en date du 26 juillet 2018.

Signature du déclarant: 

Date: 26 juillet 2018

