

FILE NO.: SCT-6001-17
DATE: 20181004

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS TRIBUNAL
TRIBUNAL DES REVENDICATIONS PARTICULIÈRES**

BETWEEN:)	
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BIRCH NARROWS FIRST NATION)	
)	Neil Reddekopp and Eric Pentland, 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)	Jenilee Guebert and Scott Bell, for the
Affairs and Northern Development)	Respondent
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Respondent)	
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)	HEARD: September 17, 2018

ENDORSEMENT

Honourable William Grist

A Case Management Conference (CMC) was held by teleconference on September 17, 2018, at 2:30 P.M., Eastern Time (Ottawa).

[1] With respect to the Applications by Buffalo River Dene Nation (Buffalo River) and English River First Nation (English River) for party status, or, alternatively, intervenor status

pursuant to sections 24 and 25 of the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act*, the Parties advised that they consent to the granting of party status to Buffalo River.

[2] The Claimant advised that English River intends to withdraw its Application for party status; and that the Claimant consents to their Application for intervener status that would remain.

[3] The Respondent takes no position on the question of the prospective intervention by English River.

[4] The Tribunal will render a decision as to the Applications at a date no later than mid-October 2018.

[5] The Claimant advised that it provided preliminary documents to the Respondent on September 13, 2018, several weeks later than agreed to. The Respondent advised that, as a result, it was not able to provide its own supplemental documents. The new timeline for exchange of documents is as follows:

- a. The Respondent is to provide a list of supplemental documents to the Claimant on or before **October 12, 2018**;
- b. The Claimant will provide a list of any additional documents on or before **November 16, 2018**, including documents pertaining to Buffalo River; and,
- c. The Parties shall prepare and file a tentative Table of Contents for a draft Common Book of Documents on or before **December 3, 2018**.

[6] The Respondent advised that it has located a potential historical expert; but the expert is only available to begin work in April of 2019. The Parties advised that they are willing to consider the appointment of a joint historical expert, and will seek to find one who may be able to begin work sooner. This, along with dates for delivery of expert reports and possible hearing dates, will be discussed at the next CMC.

[7] The Parties will coordinate with the Registry to schedule the next CMC, which is to be held by teleconference and is to take place as soon as is practicable following December 1, 2018.

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Honourable William Grist