

**FILE NO.:** SCT-6001-16  
**DATE:** 20190301

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS TRIBUNAL  
TRIBUNAL DES REVENDICATIONS PARTICULIÈRES**

**BETWEEN:** )  
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PAUL FIRST NATION ) Neil Reddekopp, for the Claimant  
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 ) Claimant )  
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- and - )  
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT ) Ursula Tauscher, for the Respondent  
OF CANADA )  
As represented by the Minister of Indian )  
Affairs and Northern Development )  
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 ) Respondent )  
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 ) **HEARD:** February 27, 2019

**ENDORSEMENT**

**Honourable Paul Mayer**

A Pre-Hearing Conference was held by teleconference on February 27, 2019, at 12:00 P.M., Eastern Time (Ottawa).

[1] The Parties have filed the Agreed Statement of Facts and Common Book of Documents, and the Respondent has filed the expert report of Dr. Irwin.

[2] The Tribunal expressed concern that one day may not be sufficient time to complete the expert evidence hearing. The Parties expressed confidence that the examination and cross-examination of Dr. Irwin can be completed in one day.

[3] The Parties stated that although they have not filed an Agreed Statement of Issues, they have previously discussed narrowing the issues and have prepared for the expert evidence hearing and oral submissions hearing on the understanding that the hearings will focus on a single issue. That issue relates to the calculation of the number of members of the Claimant that were eligible to vote for the disputed surrender in 1906. The Parties agreed to discuss clarification of the issues that remain in dispute prior to the expert evidence hearing and will consider formalizing their agreement in an Agreed Statement of Issues.

[4] The Claimant will conduct an opening ceremony immediately prior to the commencement of the expert evidence hearing.

[5] The Tribunal will issue the Notice of Hearing with the details of the location and start time for the expert evidence hearing.

[6] The Claimant intends to use flipcharts during cross-examination to summarize points of consensus. The Respondent expressed openness to the concept, subject to any concerns that may arise once the content of the flipcharts becomes known at the expert evidence hearing.

[7] The Parties indicated that they do not intend to use a projector at the hearing. The Respondent noted that the digital versions of some of the items in the Common Book of Documents and/or expert report may be more legible than the hard copies. The Parties will bring the required paper copies of hearing documents. The Registry will ensure that the Tribunal also has digital copies of the Common Book of Documents and expert report at its disposal.

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