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Please post any comments you may have here.

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1. 10 Responses to "Welcome"

2. I'd like to know the status on Teulon Residence being added to your list of residential schools. I requested this school be added to your list approximately 1 year ago and to this date I haven't heard anything about my request - only to keep checking the website, which in my opinion is a totally unsatisfactory answer. I would like to submit the following information to perhaps help you with your decision making regarding Teulon residence where I lived and attended school as well as a lot of other students.

1. In the the very first package I requested and received from the Indian Residential Schools Alternative Dispute Resolution (Application Form), Teulon was mentioned. It was stated in the list of residential schools as: Norway House (Teulon) on page 5 of the application booklet. I would like how this decision was arrived at and then to find out that Teulon Residence not being included in your list.

2. After doing some research, in the quarterly United Church Sttering Committree - April 2007, report it stated that they were searching for student information on the Teulon Residence (1984 - 1996).

3. If you are considering Teulon a "hostel", then perhaps you could explain how St. Pauls Hostel in Whitehorse, Yukon was an approved school and which you added to your list of residential schools. I would like your comments and explanation on this and how these schools differ, if in fact they do.

I look forward to hearing your answers and comments.

By Sharon Favell on Jun 30, 2008

3. I have submitted to CEP school attendance records and pictures taken in 1960 1961 1963 1964. Why do I have to go to the reconsideration process again. After all I received a partial payment

on or about December 2007? The residential school I attended was Lejac School in Fraser Lake BC

By Clifford J Quaw on Jul 4, 2008

4. Response to Sharon Favell

Thank you for your inquiry with Respect to Teulon Residence. The NAC has a mandate to address appeals with respect to schools that are not entitled to be listed. At this time, we have just started to receive the decisions from Canada as to the rejection of schools. We are in the process of reviewing those and will determine based on the information provided those schools where there should be a review. Article 12.01(5) provides that:

"should either the requestor or the NAC dispute Canada's decision to refuse to add a proposed institution, the requestor may apply to the appropriate Court, or the NAC may apply to the Court of the Province or Territory where the requestor resides for determination"

As we have just received the information from Canada as to which schools Canada has not determined to be eligible and their reasons, we have not yet had the opportunity to review each and every school. We shall do a follow up report on Teulon Residence given that you have specifically asked about this school.

You also indicate that St. Paul's Hostel in Yukon was an approved school. This was a decision made by Canada and not by the NAC. Because it was approved as a school, we will not be reviewing that decision as we are only reviewing the decisions with respect to those schools that Canada has determined are not eligible and where there may be some question as to their eligibility. However, you may want to know that the Agreement provides that an institution may be added where:

a) The child was placed in a residence away from the family home by or under the authority of Canada for the purposes of education; and,

b) Canada was jointly or solely responsible for the operation of the residence and care of the children resident there.

Joint and sole responsibility by Canada has been based on some criteria which are listed under as:

- a) Institutions Federally owned;
- b) Canada is assumed parent of the child;
- c) Canada was at least partially responsible for the administration of the institution;
- d) Canada inspected or had a right to inspect the institution; or
- e) Canada did or did not stipulate the institution as an IRS.

These criteria are not the only criteria to determine Canada's responsibility for the operation of a residence.

We hope that this answers your questions.

By **admin** on <u>Aug 6, 2008</u>

5. Response to Clifford Quaw

The purpose of the Reconsideration is to avoid the delay of an appeal to the NAC. As there are several thousand persons whose claims were not allowed because of insufficient information, the NAC believed it might be of assistance to give persons an opportunity to provide further

back up when the initial review had not found evidence that they were at the school. It is unclear from your request whether or not you have sent pictures and school attendance records for years for which you were denied. However, in general, we have encouraged the Reconsideration process in order to require Canada to make a closer analysis and to hopefully locate additional documents which may assist persons in being able to obtain their full CEP to which they are entitled in a more timely way without the necessity of an appeal.

By admin on <u>Aug 6, 2008</u>

6. My understanding is that the NAC meets once a month to review thousands of claims. My concern is that "if there are so many claims then they need to meet more than once a month? Explain why they meet only once a month!!

By Marilyn G. Louis on Aug 19, 2008

7. I recieved my CEP back in Oct.2007 and right away I started working on my reconsisteration provided pictures and filled out the application for reconsideration. I sent it in November 2007 and in February 2008, I did a phone interview, I received a letter dated June 26,2008 that an additional 60 days was needed well Tuesday August 26,2008 is coming up fast. I'm told that these people work 24/7 and even on holidays so why have I've been waiting almost 10 months for my reconsideration. I asked Allan Mc Cuiag who was the last principal at St. Paul's (Blood) what happened to some of the records he stated some were lost or destroyed by Mr. De Wolf or who ever was in charge at the time, also to contact Hugh Demsey as he was the one who took all the records when St. Paul's was closed in the late 60's. I did contact Mr. Demsey and he stated that INAC took some of those records when the Government decided to compensate surviors of residential school, he told me to contact Glenbow Museum Archives in Calgary Alberta if they had the information I needed, the reply was most of those records were taken by INAC.I also contacted Nancy Hurn with the Anglican Church Archives she sent me some information.I'm an adult and I know how long I was at St. Paul's and it was no fault of mine that my records were lost by Mr. DeWolf or who ever. I was one of the former students that was hunted down by the Indian agent and my father was threatened with a jail term if he didn't deliver to St. Paul's that August in 1954. My question is why is this reconsideration taking so long especially when the reconsideration dept.tells you that it's at Inac's level they make the final decision?

Camillia Wadsworth

By Camillia Wadsworth on Aug 23, 2008

8. I have e-mailed my concerns and have asked for comunication on my missing years from the CEP payment I received. I have not received any form of communication on progress of my application for those missing years. I lived at the Fort Alexander Indian Residential School for all of my child hood, I was a resident from 1959 - 1969 and received payment for (4)four years. What Happened to the payment for the rest of those years(5). I would appreciate any form of communication...mailing Address: Box 67, Pine Falls, Manitoba R0E1M0

By Ronald Brian Joseph Fontaine aka Brian R. Fontaine, Fort Alexander I.R., Manitoba. Attended Fort Alexander Indian Residential School in Manitoba from 1959-1969. on Aug 29, 2008

9. I am writing this on behalf of Walter Beardy - Fox Lake Cree Nation Elder, I have faxed over additional info. needed on June/08 and again in Aug./08 and he has not received anything, he was missing payment for 3 yrs. His contact # 204-652- 2101 and his wife, Nancy will probably

answer and talk to who ever phones, please some one get back to him or her, this Elder really needs to know what is happening. Please let's do something for the Elders and for the other survivors before it's too late for some of them. Thank you and have a nice day

By Sophie Lockhart on Sep 2, 2008

10. It's been 3 weeks since my last email regarding Walter Beardy, still no response from anybody, please some one get back to him, info. was included on Sept.02/08.

By Sophie Lockhart on Sep 22, 2008

11. Myself and my former classmates from Kivalliq Hall/Keewatin Regional Education Centre (Rankin Inlet, NU) have patiently waited for decision on Kivalliq Hall. We have submitted our former residence to be considered. Who exactly decides whether a school/residence gets on the list?

I'm getting frustrated with looking up the website. I'm sure there's more that applied for their school/residence to be considered.

We wait patiently

By Obed Anoee on Oct 2, 2008

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