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CATHERINE TWINN, as Trustee for the 1985 Trust and the 1986 Trust

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RESPONDENTS:

ROLAND TWINN, EVERETT JUSTIN TWINN, CATHERINE TWINN, BERTHA L'HIRONDELLE and MARGARET WARD, as Trustees for the 1985 Trust and the 1986 Trust

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DOCUMENT APPLICATION BY CATHERINE TWINN

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To do so, you must be in Court when the application is heard as shown below:		
Date:	January 6, 2015	
Time:	10:00 a.m.	
Where:	Law Courts, 1A Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton, AB T5J 0R2	
Before Whom:	Presiding Justice in Chambers	

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Remedy claimed or sought:

- 1. Catherine Twinn, as a Trustee of the 1985 and 1986 Trusts, seeks immediate payment of her legal fees incurred to date, on a solicitor-client basis, to McLennan Ross LLP for legal advice as a Trustee, in relation to Court of Queen's Bench Action No. 1103 14112 ("2011 Action") payable from the 1985 Trust.
- 2. Catherine Twinn, as a Trustee of the 1985 and 1986 Trusts, seeks immediate payment of her legal fees incurred to date, on a solicitor-client basis, to McLennan Ross LLP for legal advice as a Trustee, in relation to Court of Queen's Bench Action No. 1403 04885 ("2014 Action") payable on a pro rata basis from the 1985 and 1986 Trusts.

3. Catherine Twinn, as a Trustee of the 1985 and 1986 Trusts, seeks an Order declaring that pending final judicial determination of Court of Queen's Bench Action Nos. 1103 14112 and 1403 04885 and the costs award that may result in each respective Action, that her legal fees incurred prospectively, on a solicitor-client basis and in relation to each respective Action, be payable from the 1985 Trust and/or the 1986 Trust, as relevant, within 30 days of an invoice being presented to the other trustees of the 1985 Trust and/or 1986 Trust. The invoice may be redacted so as to not disclose privileged information.

4. Such further and other relief as this Honourable Court may deem just.

Grounds for making this application:

- 5. Dentons LLP ("Dentons") and Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP ("RMRF") currently represent all of the trustees of the 1985 Trust in the 2011 Action and previously represented the collective group of trustees of the 1985 and 1986 Trusts in the 2014 Action.
- 6. A conflict arose amongst the group of trustees in regards to the conduct of the 2011 Action and 2014 Action and as such created a potential conflict for Dentons and RMRF given their multiple client retainer and that instructions from their clients are not unanimous.
- 7. As a result of the conflict amongst the trustee group, Catherine Twinn required independent legal advice and obtained it from McLennan Ross LLP ("MR").
- 8. The other trustees have also obtained independent legal advice from Bryan & Company LLP ("Bryan & Company") in relation to both the 2011 and 2014 Actions and counsel from Bryan & Company has made written and/or oral submissions in both the 2011 and 2014 Actions on behalf of the other trustees.

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How the application is proposed to be heard or considered:

21. The application is to be heard before a Justice in Chambers.

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l	THE COURT:	All right.	Anything	further
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No. Thank you, Sir.

from either side?

3 MR. HALUSCHAK: 4

5 Decision

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7 THE COURT: I'm going to deliver a very brief oral decision
8 here. I repeat what I said at the outset this morning that I spent a goodly number of hours
9 reviewing the briefs prior to court this morning. I want to compliment counsel on both
10 sides for the quality of the briefs. I thought they were excellent. And I spent many, many
11 hours reading the material. It was well set out on both sides.

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I also want to reiterate what I said at the outset this morning that I'm walking a fine judicial line this morning in that I am not the judge who is dealing with the substantive application in the 1103 matter. I'm dealing with one discreet issue only and, thus, I am deliberately abbreviating what otherwise might've been more extensive reasons. And the reason that I'm doing that is that I do not want to have anything I say somehow impede the discretion of the judge who ultimately hears the matter from deciding what he or she thinks is appropriate on the evidence and after argument from counsel.

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It is significant to me that no legal authority has been cited for the proposition being advanced by the applicant. I have no doubt that there was very extensive research done on both sides. The briefs reflect that. This is not a criticism of counsel. I think it's a situation where the authorities simply don't exist. And, to my mind, that is significant.

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I also want to make it clear that I accept without hesitation that Catherine Twinn genuinely and bone fide believes the position she is adopting and has advanced through counsel. That, for me, is not an issue this morning.

What is an issue is the legal effect of that. When one reduces the applicant's argument to its essence, it is that because Catherine Twinn genuinely believes that she's acting in the best interests of an unidentified pool of individuals who may ultimately be found not to be beneficiaries, that this then justifies the position being advanced this morning which is that she is entitled to indemnification of legal fees incurred to date on a solicitor-client basis. And, prospectively, again on the solicitor-client basis, fees that may be incurred in the future. Which I suspect will be substantial.

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There is no legal authority that I'm aware of that justifies that position. In other words, the fact that a party genuinely and bona fide believes something, does not necessarily create legal rights which otherwise do not exist. They either exist or they do not exist. In my view, when I look at paragraph of the trustees which is the indemnification provision,

it is not clear on its face that a dissenting trustee, in this case one dissenting trustee who 1 2 voluntarily elects to incur legal fees, is necessarily entitled to be indemnified pursuant to that provision. That is a live issue which will be argued ultimately before the judge who 3 4 hears the substantive application. 5

6 I repeat what I said during argument, it is not a slam dunk argument from Catherine 7 Twinn's position. It is an arguable point that will be decided.

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9 In my view, absent any case law to date justifying this position and absent a clear 10 provision in the trustees, the application must be dismissed. However, I do so on the basis 11 that this is completely without prejudice to the right of Catherine Twinn in the substantive 12 application to advance these arguments. I think it was very fair that the respondents at 13 paragraph 126 of their very extensive brief made that as a suggestion. And I think that's 14 fair in the circumstances.

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16 Having taken the position that I did, that it is not fair for me to make decisions about credibility or what people have done or not done, it stands to reason that the judge who 17 18 ultimately hears the matter will make those decisions. And he or she will then be in a 19 position to make a proper decision on this cost application.

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21 So, in the result, the application is dismissed. However, on a without prejudice basis.

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23 And, again, I want to thank counsel for your representations on both sides. Very 24 interesting argument. All right. Anything further, counsel?

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26 MR. HALUSCHAK:

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28 THE COURT: 29

What is your position?

Costs, Sir?

30 Submissions by Mr. Haluschak (Costs)

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32 MR. HALUSCHAK: Solicitor and client on a full indemnity basis. 33

34 THE COURT: Well, what if Catherine Twinn is found to be 35 correct in her positions ultimately determined?

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37 MR. HALUSCHAK:

Then I suppose the judge at that time can deal with that. Take all of the proceedings and all of the costs awards to and against into 38 39 account.

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41 THE COURT:

Well, in other words, just reserve that to the

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1 ultimate decision-maker?

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3 MR. HALUSCHAK; Yes. What you do today does not bind the hearing judge from deciding in the big picture what to do out of a sense of fairness or 4 5 justice.

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7 THE COURT:

Okay. Mr. Risling or Ms. Osualdini?

9 Submissions by Mr. Risling (Costs)

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11 MR. RISLING:

Our position, Sir, is that it's appropriate to put 12 the costs essentially in the cause given your direction. And this will be a matter for 13 potentially the trial judge to determine. Our submission was that Ms. Twinn is already 14 funding her position with respect to this legal battle personally, and now my friend's 15 suggestion is that Ms. Twinn fund on a solicitor-client basis the position -- the legal 16 arguments and positions of the four trustees in the circumstances. I submit that is 17 inappropriate.

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19 My view would be that the appropriate order in light of your observation that this is a without prejudice decision for Ms. Twinn to deal with at a later time, that the costs would 20 21 be dealt with at that time as well.

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23 MR. HALUSCHAK: Sir, and I've asked for solicitor and all client indemnity costs including disbursements, to be clear, incurred for all steps taken 24 subsequent to being served with Ms. Twinn's application filed December 11, 2015. I 25 26 know you've dealt with solicitor and client costs before. Our submission asked you to 27 take into account at least some of the conduct that we have set out in the brief from pages 28 6 to 18 of our brief, and also under tab 6 of the brief. We ask you to take into account 29 that this was a fairly discreet issue. It was booked for a whole day. Our -- we're going to 30 be done before noon. So, we don't think it was that complicated, we don't think a full day 31 was necessary.

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33 A special chambers practice note, you know, prescribes briefs that are short and concise. And in this particular case, the respondents have to deal with three briefs from the 34 35 plaintiffs totalling 83 pages of narrative alone and argument. You are probably well aware 36 of Sawridge decisions 5 and 7, and Justice Thomas' comments and analysis of the culture 37 shift and the principles that this Court is applying. I think on a more consistent and even 38 basis, the Court is recognizing the economic realities of litigation and especially 39 unnecessary and unreasonable litigation.

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41 I understand and respect the position that Ms. Twinn has taken and that her counsel has

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advocated. But a great deal of time and effort was put into a relatively straightforward 1 2 application.

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4 THE COURT:

Well, why can't that argument be made to the judge who ultimately hears the 1103 application? I mean, I'm not disagreeing with what 5 you're saying. These are arguments that can be addressed. But surely the judge who 6 7 ultimately hears the substantive application will have the benefit of the full background. 8 Because the conduct that you talk about and that I read about, you know, it's all in the 9 eye of the beholder, isn't it? From the perspective of Ms. Twinn, she argues well I'm acting in the best interests of these people bona fide, in a genuine fashion, not in an 10 obstructionist fashion. You may take a different view of it and that's fine. But surely the 11 judge who ultimately hears it will have that benefit. 12

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14 MR. HALUSCHAK: I think you're in the best possession to assess costs vis-a-vis this particular application. You've seen what has been presented, you've 15 heard the arguments. I think you will be in a -- or are in a better position to assess what's 16 happened today and before today, and leading up to today than that ultimate hearer. 17

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19 THE COURT:

See, I don't agree with that. And the reason I'm saying that is this, there is a big picture involved here; right? Those eight art boxes 20 upstairs that I -- you know much more about it than I do, I've only seen a little bit of the 21 picture here. But I -- this is one of those cases -- this is not garden-variety litigation, 22 obviously. This is one of these cases where there are a lot of -- lot of, you know, issues 23 and sub issues. And I really think that the judge ultimately, at the end of the day, is going 24 25 to say to Ms. Twinn, you know, you're absolutely right here. There's a horrible injustice to these people. Or, conversely, that the majority has acted properly and, therefore, 26 Ms. Twinn, you are not entitled to indemnification. Your argument for costs I think is 27 28 focussed properly at that time.

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All right. Unless there's anything further, again, thank you for the excellent quality briefs. 30 31 I'll return these documents to counsel.

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33 MR. HALUSCHAK:

So, no order as to costs today --

Today. Reserved to the judge who ultimately

- 35 Ruling (Costs)
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37 THE COURT:

38 hears the substantive application. 39

40 MR. HALUSCHAK:

Thank you, Sir.

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1 2 3	THE COURT: that you make at that time. You argue	And I'm not trying to restrict any arguments it at the fullest of time.	
	MR. HALUSCHAK:	Thank you for your time.	
	THE COURT:	All right. Thank you.	
	MS. BONORA:	Thank you.	
	MR. RISLING:	Thank you, Sir.	
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1. Particulars of Judgment, Order or Decision Appealed From:

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Judicial Centre: Edmonton

Justice: R. P. Belzil

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Yes No

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5. Provide a brief description of the issues:

This appeal arises from an application by Catherine Twinn for indemnification for legal expenses incurred as a trustee of the 1985 and 1986 Trusts. The Learned Chambers Justice dismissed the application and ordered that Ms. Twinn could apply for indemnification at the final Hearing. The Justice made errors in law, as well as palpable and overriding errors in fact in regards to the following matters:

- 1. Failing to consider and properly apply the legal test for trustee indemnification;
- 2. Failing to consider that Action No. 1403 04885 has been completed;
- 3. Failing to consider, in applying the test for trustee indemnification, the conduct of the majority Trustees in the 2011 Action that has caused Ms. Twinn to have to act independently pursuant to her fiduciary duties, including:
 - (a) Failing to promptly file a constating application preventing an efficient, clear and effective legal process;
 - (b) Failing to take proper steps or direct proper steps be taken to identify the existing beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries of the 1985 Trust;
 - (c) Advocating for a change in the definition of beneficiary within the 1985 Trust to Band Membership exposing existing beneficiaries with irrevocable rights to a discretionary process, without requiring the Band Membership system be amended to ensure fairness and comply with the laws of Canada, including the Charter and recognized customary laws, exposing existing beneficiaries to potentially unfair discretionary decisions;
 - (d) Misrepresenting to Ms. Twinn their intentions to work with the Sawridge First Nation to improve its membership process in order to obtain her agreement for the advice and direction application and failing to take the appropriate steps in that regard;
 - (e) Failing to seek the direction of the Court regarding the validity of the existing definition of beneficiary in the 1985 Trust and advancing a position for a change in definition of beneficiary that would remove or alter the rights of existing beneficiaries without regard to a Trustee's duty of neutrality and loyalty;
 - (f) Filing an Offer with the Court on June 2015, and a Distribution Proposal in January, 2016, to end the 2011 Action that, if accepted:
 - (i) Was unsupported by any process engaging beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries;
 - (ii) Would exclude adult beneficiaries without their express, informed and prior knowledge and consent;

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- (iii) Included certain minor children in the proposal that may not qualify as 1985 beneficiaries and excluded others who likely qualify as beneficiaries; and
- Selectively discriminated against certain adult beneficiaries not included in the grandfathering proposal, including Shelby Twinn an applicant for party status in the Action, while grandfathering her sister Kaitlin Twinn, younger by two years;
- (g) Advocating positions that burden the 1985 Trust with legal expenses, and positions that would enrich the beneficiaries of the 1986 Trust, including all five Trustees;
- (h) Using majority rule to oppress concerns raised by Ms. Twinn despite her communication to the Trustees that they are all duty bound as Trustees to act bona fide and on legal advice and her repeated offers for ADR, JDR and a specific proposal for Trustee Succession to ensure proper identification of and collaboration with beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries;
- (i) Refusing to give due regard and take appropriate steps in response to obvious conflicts, structural and actual, created by Band Leaders involvement in the governance of both the Trusts and the Band, which remain and affect the administration of the Trust, including the conduct of the 2011 Action and the "end goal" of the Trustees;
- (j) Improperly delegating Trustee authority and decision making to the Trust Administrator such that he alone instructs legal counsel often without Trustee knowledge or evidence endorsement;
- (k) Authorizing full funding of the Band and other Trustees expenses from the Trust and excluding funding for Ms. Twinn;
- (I) Refusing or failing to participate in alternative resolution processes involving all Trustees and beneficiaries in good faith; and
- (m) Engaging the Band to assist in advancing the "end goal" of the majority Trustees to limit the beneficiary pool.
- 4. Delaying the indemnification application to be made by the Trial Judge creating an unfair and oppressive financial burden on Ms. Twinn, a Trustee proceeding in a bona fide manner in relation to fiduciary duties, when adult beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries remain unrepresented and vulnerable in protecting their interests against the majority Trustees.
- 5. Such further and other matters as shall be raised at the hearing of this appeal.

6. Provide a brief description of the relief claimed:

Direct full indemnification of Catherine Twinn for past and future legal fees incurred in relation the 1103 14112 Action and 1403 04885 Action, with any issues relating to quantum to be returned to the Court of Queen's Bench for assessment.

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Full solicitor/client costs to be awarded to the Appellant from the 1985 and 1986 Trust assets, ot in the alternative from the Respondent Trustees, on a solicitor/client basis.

7. Is this appeal required to be dealt with as a fast track appeal? (Rule 14.14)

🗆 Yes 🖾 No

8. Does this appeal involve the custody, access, parenting or support of a child? (Rule 14.14(2)(b))

🗇 Yes 🖾 No

9. Will an application be made to expedite this appeal?

🖸 Yes 🖾 No

10. Is Judicial Dispute Resolution with a view to settlement or crystallization of issues appropriate? (Rule 14.60)

🗖 Yes 🖾 No

11. Could this matter be decided without oral argument? (Rule 14.32(2))

🗖 Yes 🖾 No

12. Are there any restricted access orders or statutory provisions that affect the privacy of this file? (Rules 6.29, 14.12(2)(e), 14.83)

🗆 Yes 🖾 No

If yes, provide details: _____ (Attach a copy of any order.)

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14. Attachments (check as applicable)

Order or judgment under appeal if available (not reasons for decision) (Rule 14.12(3)) Not yet available, will provide when available

□ Earlier order of Master, etc. (Rule 14.18(1)(c))

Order granting permission to appeal (Rule 14.12(3)(a))

Copy of any restricted access order (Rule 14.12(2)(e))

If any document is not available, it should be appended to the factum, or included elsewhere in the appeal record.

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