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IN THE MATTER OF THE SAWRIDGE  
BAND *INTER VIVOS SETTLEMENT*  
CREATED BY CHIEF WALTER PATRICK  
TWINN, OF THE SAWRIDGE INDIAN  
BAND, NO. 19 now known as SAWRIDGE  
FIRST NATION ON APRIL 15, 1985 (the  
"1985 Sawridge Trust")

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BONNIE BLAKLEY, as Trustees for the 1985  
Sawridge Trust

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SAWRIDGE FIRST NATION**

Appeal from the Decision of

The Honourable Mr. Justice J. S. Little

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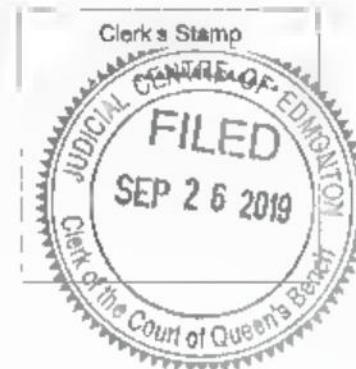
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DOCUMENT **AFFIDAVIT OF DARCY TWIN**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF DARCY TWIN****Sworn on September 24, 2019**

I, DARCY TWIN, of the Sawridge Indian Reserve 150G, in the Province of Alberta, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

1. I have been a member of the Sawridge First Nation ("Sawridge") since my birth on August 9, 1977, I have been a Councillor of Sawridge since February 2015, I am a Trustee of the Sawridge Band Trust settled on April 15, 1982 (the "1982 Trust"), I am a beneficiary of the 1982 Trust, and my father, Chester Twin, was a Trustee of the Sawridge Inter Vivos Settlement (the "1985 Trust") from December 18, 1986 to January 22, 1996. As such, I have personal knowledge of the matters set out in this affidavit except where stated to be based upon information and belief, in which case I do verily believe the same to be true.

**Sawridge First Nation and Chief and Council**

2. Sawridge currently has 45 members, one of whom is a minor. These members are, by definition, the only beneficiaries of the 1982 Trust.
3. There are currently three members of Sawridge Chief and Council: Chief Roland Twinn, Councillor Gina Donald, and me. As duly elected Chief and Council, we represent the members of Sawridge.
4. Roland Twinn, who is also a Trustee of the Sawridge Band Inter Vivos Settlement (the "1985 Trust"), has abstained from involvement in this intervention application on behalf of Sawridge.

**The Sawridge Band Trust settled on April 15, 1982 (the "1982 Trust")**

5. I am informed by my review of Declaration of Trust for the 1982 Trust, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "A"** to this my affidavit, that the beneficiaries of the 1982 Trust are all present and future members of Sawridge and that the Trustees of the 1982 Trust are Chief and Council of Sawridge.
6. The Trustees of the 1982 Trust are, by definition, the current elected Chief and Council of Sawridge, being Chief Roland Twinn, Councillor Gina Donald, and me.

**Source of Funds to Purchase the Trust Assets and Purpose of the Trusts**

7. I am informed by our counsel, Edward H. Molstad, Q.C. and by my review of certain portions of the transcript of the testimony of Chief Walter Patrick Twinn in the first trial of Sawridge's constitutional challenge to Bill C-31, copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"** to this my affidavit, and do verily believe the following:

- a. When Walter Patrick Twinn became Chief of the Sawridge in 1966, Sawridge did not have any businesses (p 3418).
- b. Sawridge's goal was to save as much as possible and use the capital and revenue funds to become totally self-supporting one day. (pp 3885-3887)
- c. Sawridge was concerned that Bill C-31 would result in automatic reinstatement of a large group to membership in Sawridge. (p 3761)
- d. The 1985 Trust was created two days before Bill C-31 was enacted, in anticipation of the passage of Bill C-31, and with the objectives that the beneficiaries of the 1985 Trust would be people who were considered Sawridge members before the passage of Bill C-31, that the people who might become Sawridge members under Bill C-31 would be excluded as beneficiaries for a short time until Sawridge could see what Bill C-31 would bring about. The people who might become Sawridge members under Bill C-31 would be excluded as beneficiaries. (pp 3906-3909)
- e. Ultimately, the intention was that the assets from the 1985 Trust would be placed in the 1986 Trust. (pp 3948-3949)
- f. The primary source of income for Sawridge originated with the discovery of oil on the Sawridge reserve lands. The royalty monies resulting from the sale of oil and gas were received and held in Sawridge's capital account in accordance with the *Indian Act*, RSC 1970, c I-6. The Sawridge capital moneys were expended with the authority and direction of the Minister and the consent of the Council of Sawridge. The Sawridge capital moneys were used for economic development, specifically to invest in various companies carrying on business under the Sawridge name, and were placed in the Sawridge Trusts. (pp 3953-3957, 4004-4005)

8 In a letter dated December 23, 1993, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "C"** to this my affidavit, the Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services, Indian & Northern Affairs Canada, stated that the 1985 Trust held substantial sums which, to a large extent, had been derived from Sawridge capital and revenue moneys previously released by the Minister and that such moneys were expended pursuant to sections 64 and 66 of the *Indian Act*, for the benefit of the members of Sawridge.

**The Jurisdiction Applications in the within Action**

9. I am informed by our counsel, Edward H. Molstad, Q.C. and by my review of the attached Exhibit "D" and do verily believe, that on August 24, 2016, the Honourable Mr. Justice D.R.G. Thomas granted a Consent Order (the "August 24, 2016 Consent Order") in the within Action approving the transfer of assets which occurred in 1985 from the

1982 Trust to the 1985 Trust *nunc pro tunc*. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "D"** to this my affidavit is a copy of the August 24, 2016 Consent Order.

10. I am informed by our counsel, Edward H. Molstad, Q.C. and do verily believe, that counsel for Sawridge was in attendance at the August 24, 2016 hearing to speak to a Rule 5.13 Application brought by the Office of the Public Trustee and Guardian of Alberta for document production from Sawridge and, although the Court asked if counsel for Sawridge had anything to say with regard to the August 24, 2016 Consent Order, Sawridge was not a party to the Consent Order and its counsel declined to make submissions on its behalf in relation to the Consent Order.
11. I am informed by our counsel, Edward H. Molstad, Q.C. and by my review of the attached Exhibits "D", "E", "F" and "G", and do verily believe, that prior to and during the case management hearing in the within action on April 25, 2019 and again during the case management hearing on September 4, 2019, the Honourable Mr. Justice J.T. Henderson raised concerns about the August 24, 2016 Consent Order, and whether the trust assets transferred from the 1982 Trust are held pursuant to the terms of the 1982 Trust or the 1985 Trust. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "E"** to this my affidavit is a copy of the April 25, 2019 email from the Honourable Mr. Justice J.T. Henderson. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "F"** to this my affidavit is a copy of the transcript from the April 25, 2019 proceeding. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "G"** to this my affidavit is a copy of the transcript from the September 4, 2019 proceeding.
12. I am informed by our counsel, Edward H. Molstad, Q.C. and by my review of the attached Exhibits "E", "F" and "G", and do verily believe that the Honourable Mr. Justice J.T. Henderson directed the filing of an application seeking a determination of the effect of the August 24, 2016 Consent Order, returnable November 27, 2019.
13. I am informed by our counsel, Edward H. Molstad, Q.C. and by my review of the attached Exhibit "H", and do verily believe, that on September 13, 2019, the Trustees of the 1985 Trust filed and served on him an application requesting a determination of the transfer of asset issue raised by the Honourable Mr. Justice J.T. Henderson, and the effect of the August 24, 2016 Consent Order, and a copy of the filed application is attached hereto as **Exhibit "H"** to this my affidavit.
14. I am informed by our counsel, Edward H. Molstad, Q.C. and by my review of the attached Exhibits "H" and "I" and do verily believe, that Sawridge, if granted status to intervene in the hearing on the Jurisdictional Question ordered by the Honourable Mr. Justice J.T. Henderson pursuant to a Consent Order on December 18, 2018 and in the application filed by the Trustees of the 1985 Sawridge Trust on September 13, 2019 (collectively, the "Jurisdiction Applications"), would be the only participant that represents all members of Sawridge to the exclusion of other persons. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "I"** to this my affidavit is a copy of the December 18, 2018 Consent Order.

15. Sawridge would be specially effected by the outcome of the Jurisdiction Applications as its members are the beneficiaries of the 1982 Trust, Sawridge Chief and Council are the Trustees of the 1982 Trust, and the source of funds used to purchase the assets held in the 1982 Trust are capital and/or revenue expenditures made pursuant to sections 64 and 66 of the *Indian Act*, which must only be used for the benefit of the members of Sawridge.
16. Sawridge has a unique perspective and insight concerning the issues raised by the Jurisdiction Applications, as the interests of the Trustees and the beneficiaries of the 1982 Trust are not currently represented by the parties to the within Action.

**Purpose of this Affidavit**

17. I swear this affidavit in support of an application for an Order, pursuant to Rule 2.10 of the *Alberta Rules of Court*, Alta Reg 124/2010, granting Sawridge status to intervene in the Jurisdiction Applications, copies of which are attached hereto and marked as Exhibits "H" and "I" to this my affidavit.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the Town of Slave )  
Lake, in the Province of Alberta, this 24<sup>th</sup> day )  
of September, 2019. )

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the )  
Province of Alberta )

MICHAEL R. MCKINNEY Q.C.  
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DARCY TWIN

**EXHIBIT “B”**

03324.01 IN THE FEDERAL COURT OF CANADA TRIAL DIVISION  
 02 Court File No T-66-86  
 03 BETWEEN:  
 04 WALTER PATRICK TWINN, suing on his own behalf and on  
 05 behalf of all other members of the Sawridge Band,  
 06 WAYNE ROAN, suing on his own behalf and on behalf of  
 07 all other members of the Ermineskin Band,  
 08 BRUCE STARLIGHT, suing on his own behalf and on behalf  
 09 of all other members of the Sarcee Band  
 10 Plaintiffs,  
 11 -and-  
 12 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
 13 Defendant  
 14 -and-  
 15 NATIVE COUNCIL OF CANADA, NATIVE COUNCIL OF CANADA  
 16 (ALBERTA), AND NON-STATUS INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF

ALBERTA

17 Intervenors

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19 PROCEEDINGS

20 October 26, 1993

21 Volume 22

22 Held at the Federal Court of Canada

23 Edmonton, Alberta

24 Pages 3324 to 3551

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26 Taken before. The Honourable Mr. Justice F. Muldoon

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13 Non-Status Indian

14 Association of Alberta

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18 June Rossetto Court Registrar

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This is Exhibit "B" referred to  
 in the Affidavit of  
**DARCY TWIN**

Sworn before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
 of **SEPTEMBER**, 2019

  
 A Commissioner for Oaths in and for Alberta

**MICHAEL R. MCKINNEY Q.C.**  
**BARRISTER & SOLICITOR**

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03327 01 THE REGISTRAR. This Court is now resumed

02 MR. HENDERSON: My Lord, sorry, counsel had asked  
03 for a bit more time and that's why we're late this  
04 morning. I think Mr. Meehan and/or Mr. Glancy may want  
05 to address the Court about the comments yesterday

06 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you.

07 MR. MEEHAN. Good morning, Your Lordship.

08 Mr. Henderson and other counsel had a brief discussion  
09 prior to court this morning, and there was a few  
10 matters that we would wish to bring to the Court's  
11 attention for your consideration.

12 THE COURT: Yes.

13 MR. MEEHAN: Yes, until yesterday, Your

19 have been entered into the band lists. They all will be  
20 entered into the band lists.

21 Q These are children born to members who were members  
22 before 1985?

23 A That's right.

24 Q And those children will all ultimately be entered on  
25 the band lists as members?

26 A That's automatic.

03418-01 Q And in some cases that hasn't happened yet?

02 A It hasn't happened yet. For no real reason. Difficulty  
03 the membership codes probably, whatever. We've got a  
04 legal opinion. You can't just do that. You have to do  
05 it in order that everyone has to apply which is not  
06 automatic.

07 Q So the parents of the children would ask you to enter  
08 the child and you would simply do that?

09 A They shouldn't have to ask, but that's when it comes.  
10 It's not -- it hadn't been relevant unless they're  
11 infants. Not that they would lose anything.

12 Q Now when you became chief in 1966, did Sawridge have  
13 any businesses?

14 A No

15 Q Now, you were a member of the Sawridge band in 1967. In  
16 fact you were chief in 1967 and had been for one year  
17 at that time. Now if you had voluntarily enfranchised  
18 in 1967, how much money would you have received as your  
19 per capita share in 1967?

20 A No more than \$1200 I believe

21 Q And how do you know that?

22 A I believe we had about -- if I recall when I was chief  
23 we had \$40,000 in the capital fund I believe. That's  
24 the figure I can remember. And others later on had  
25 voluntary -- or enfranchised either by marriage,  
whatever. That was about the figure I believe. It's

03419-01 never -- the figure was never -- it's difficult.

02 Sometimes it would take us six months to get an  
03 accounting of what was in the capital revenue funds

04 Q But the overall account in 1967 was --

05 A Was about 40,000.

06 Q \$40,000?

07 A I'm not saying it's exact. It's about \$40,000.

08 Q So if there were 30 members, say, they would each get  
09 1/30th of \$40,000.

10 A Yes, there was 38 members at '85.

11 Q I'm just asking a hypothetical question.

12 A Yes, right. About 1200 I said. No more.

25 back.

26 I'm looking at page 2 there on the  
03761·01 left-hand side paragraph 5. And just directing your  
02 attention to the first paragraph, I gather that treaty  
03 8 and Sawridge welcomed the removal of discrimination  
04 on the grounds of sex and welcomed the increase in  
05 Indian control of band membership which Bill C-31  
06 provided?

07 A Yes, to some extent.

08 Q Yes. Okay. And I gather that the reservation or the  
09 concern that you had related to the fact that in return  
10 for getting those things, Bill C-31 said that there was  
11 a group of people whom you would have to accept back  
12 into membership, and that was what you were concerned  
13 about?

14 A Automatic reinstatement of a large group is what we  
15 were --

16 Q Exactly Okay.

17 A Yeah

18 Q There's been a lot of discussion about who is  
19 automatically reinstated under Bill C-31. I would like  
20 you to turn to page 11, paragraph number 22

21 At the time this brief was made,  
22 the treaty 8 bands and the Sawridge band understood  
23 that Bill C-31 did not reinstate first generation  
24 descendants of people who had lost their status under  
25 the act. You understood that the bill did not reinstate  
26 children? Is that correct?

03762·01 A I don't want to be on a document committed to a  
02 document that -- on a proposal.

03 Q No, I'm just saying that at the time that this document  
04 was prepared based on whatever form the bill was --  
05 whatever stage the bill was at then, you and your  
06 professional advisors understood that bill did not  
07 reinstate the first generation descendants or the  
08 children of the people who had lost their status? That  
09 was understood at that time?

10 A At that time, that was the negotiating that took place

11 Q Sure. Okay. And that was -- how you understood the bill  
12 was at that time?

13 A The bill kept changing from time to time. One day we  
14 would come home and they had -- there was another  
15 category. There was all sorts of pressures.

16 Q Well, Chief Twinn, in any event, we'll just deal with  
17 what you understood at the time of this particular  
18 brief

21 business activity? That is what makes it distinct?

22 A That's right.

23 Q The Sawridge Band is essentially a business entity?

24 A The Sawridge Band is a group of people, a band, that we  
25 use this for a common purpose. We believe that we have  
26 to be strong financially.

03884.01 To do that, there's a lot of things  
02 that people must be. It is not wrong for other people to  
03 be strong and to be financially strong. All of the other  
04 things that make society run, I guess we try to keep  
05 up -- not keep up, but try to come to a level, if  
06 possible  
07 This Country provides -- in  
08 democracy and in free enterprise system, which I believe  
09 very much -- opportunities for everyone to earn a living,  
10 whatever. And that is the objective for us, is to  
11 struggle.

12 Q Of course

13 A I don't know what . .

14 Q Of course. And what I'm saying is that when you talk  
15 about the Sawridge Band and your concern for its future,  
16 what you're really concerned about is the future of the  
17 business activities of the Sawridge Band

18 A If we were told initially by the oil companies an  
19 estimate that the oil reserves would only be 20 years,  
20 we've went that 20 years -- there is someone  
21 speculating -- speculating -- it's going to be 30 years  
22 But it is our job that they don't diminish -- 15 million  
23 hasn't -- it's been growing  
24 When we hold in common, the band --  
25 and it goes for all bands, I think, in Canada, that these  
26 assets -- I think I may be repeating myself. I'm

03885.01 sorry, but we cannot will our share. We do not -- a  
02 child does not inherit. It's all in common.  
03 It is our belief and it is our --  
04 Sawridge -- that those lands that -- left to us by  
05 someone else, those people that refuse to volunteer  
06 enfranchise went through the hardships  
07 Like I said earlier, the band  
08 council before me would not allow all the timber to be  
09 cut all at once, as some people like to see. So . . .

10 Q Yes?

11 A So, in that respect, we try to save as much as possible,  
12 all the capital funds, the revenue funds that are there,  
13 and hopefully some day we can be totally  
14 self-supporting. That is the goal

15                   But, as you know, if you're an  
16 Alberta, Alberta Heritage Trust Fund had about  
17 \$12 billion, and it wasn't very long ago it went down  
18                   Whether the membership is large or  
19 it's small, it's just as dangerous when it's political  
20                   So, you know, I guess that is my  
21 explanation for how we do things. No one is suffering, I  
22 don't believe. If any of these individual members or  
23 anyone — I guess they could be middle income with very  
24 slight effort.

25 Q My point, Chief Twinn, was simply that what you're  
26 concerned about -- and perhaps what you've been doing is  
03886.01 just confirming this for me -- what you're concerned  
02 about is the future of the band's business activities.

03 A That's not what I said. I guess I'm not getting clear  
04                   I'm saying to you that we're trying  
05 to be self-supporting. And to keep using money -- I  
06 think I have tried to say to you -- Alberta Heritage  
07 Trust Fund had a lot of money. They're broke today  
08 It's dangerous, that competitive world. If Alberta has  
09 some more problems or if Canada has problems, what do  
10 these figures mean? What could they mean? Canadian  
11 dollar drops, anything could happen  
12                   But we, as people, like yourselves,  
13 are trying to survive, and if we don't survive --  
14 Sawridge does not survive in a healthy position and  
15 somewhat -- a band that's got credibility -- do we  
16 discredit all the Indian people in Canada?

17                   You know, that is the reasoning. I  
18 don't know what you -- how do you want me to explain it?  
19 Just to make money, just businesses. The businesses are  
20 a form of survival that is social -- that is a social  
21 development also, that restores pride. Unless we're  
22 self-supporting -- that is the only way we can walk tall  
23 and proud  
24                   So I don't know what else you want,  
25 why you keep insinuating Sawridge is only interested in  
26 businesses. We have to -- you know, if other people have  
03887.01 opportunities, we'd be a bunch of lazy bums if we did not  
02 utilize it properly and for the future, so . . .

03 Q Chief Twinn, I'm not suggesting that there is anything  
04 wrong with being interested in business.  
05                   The reason that I'm suggesting that  
06 the Sawridge's main concern is its position in the  
07 business world is a letter that you wrote which appears  
08 in your own documents. And I'd ask you to look at

09 Exhibit 26, Document Number 913.

10 THE COURT: 913, Mr. Faulds?

11 MR. FAULDS: 913, My Lord

12 Q MR. FAULDS: It's a letter dated

13 November the 2nd of 1987, directed to the Right

14 Honourable Brian Mulroney, then-Prime Minister of

15 Canada. And that was signed by yourself, Chief Twinn?

16 A Mm-hmm

17 Q And what I'd ask you to do is look at that letter and in

18 particular look at the second last paragraph.

19 MR. HENDERSON: I'm sorry. The Senator is talking

20 to me, but I don't think he remembers he has to talk out

21 loud, just to remind him of that

22 THE COURT Thank you for that disclosure,

23 Mr. Henderson

24 A Okay, I read it

25 Q MR. FAULDS If you look at the second last

26 paragraph of that letter, Chief Twinn, in that letter,

03888 01 you say,

02 "The Sawridge Indian Band is in business and

03 cannot afford to be jeopardizing its position

04 in the business world, nor the security of its

05 four hundred (400), plus employees by

06 expending huge sums of money and time

07 stick-handling through the Justice

08 Department's delay tactics."

09 So I take it that the principal

10 activity of the Sawridge Band as a band is business

11 A In order to survive, probably so. But that only confirms

12 what I have said, I think, earlier.

13 Q And that's really what this case is about. It's not

14 about native rights or culture or tradition or anything

15 like that; it's about the Sawridge Indian Band's

16 business?

17 A Well, I'd beg to differ

18 MR. FAULDS My Lord?

19 THE COURT: Yes?

20 MR. FAULDS Mr. Henderson has passed me a note

21 to indicate that he has available some of the documents

22 that he had said that he would look for and that seem to

23 be relevant to this particular area of the

24 cross-examination. And I wonder if maybe we could have a

25 break at this point so that we could look at them. It's

26 a little bit early, but . . .

03889.01 THE COURT: All right. I have some questions

02 of Chief Twinn, and I want to pose them while you all

03905:01 documents relating to the trust arrangements involving  
02 assets belonging to the members of the band. These are  
03 the documents containing those trust arrangements that  
04 you know of?

05 A That's what I know of, right.

06 Q Okay. We've had the assistance of your counsel in  
07 tracking down all of the relevant documents, and this is  
08 what has been located.

09 MR. HENDERSON: My Lord, I tracked the documents  
10 down, and the Senator wasn't involved in the process at  
11 all, and I've not discussed the contents of the documents  
12 with him because I was worried about -- because the  
13 subject has already gone into. So it was me that did it,  
14 not the Senator, just so it's clear.

15 MR. FAULDS: Quite properly so.

16 Q MR. FAULDS. The search has been carried out by  
17 legal counsel on your behalf?

18 A That's right.

19 Q Now, I'd like to refer you, Chief Twinn, if I could, to  
20 Document 92(E), Exhibit 92(E).

21 THE COURT: B as in "baker"?

22 MR. FAULDS. E as in "Edward," My Lord. I'm  
23 sorry.

24 THE COURT: Oh Thank you.

25 MR. HENDERSON. I might say that the Senator hasn't  
26 read these before they were produced, at least not in the

03906:01 last couple days, so . . .

02 THE COURT: Yes.

03 MR. FAULDS. Well, then we'll see how we do.

04 Q MR. FAULDS. This is a declaration of trust that  
05 is dated the 15th of April, 1985. Correct?

06 A That's right.

07 Q And, as I think you're aware, that would be two days  
08 before the effective date of Bill C-31. Bill C-31 became  
09 effective as of April the 17th, 1985.

10 A That's right.

11 Q Do you recall that this declaration of trust document was  
12 created in anticipation of the passage of Bill C-31 and  
13 its coming into effect?

14 A That's right.

15 Q And the parties to this document are yourself -- you are  
16 called the settlor, if you look at the top of the first  
17 page. Correct?

18 A Right.

19 Q And you are the settlor as an individual, not as a  
20 trustee on anybody's behalf, according to that.

21 description?

22 A That's right.

23 Q And the beneficiaries of the trust are described on  
24 page 2 of that document, and I'd ask you to look at the  
25 definition there

26 A Page...

03907.01 Q I'm sorry. Page 2, and it's paragraph 2(a) at the  
02 bottom. And maybe what I could ask you to do,  
03 Chief Twinn, is just read through that definition of  
04 "beneficiaries." And it actually goes on to page 4.

05 A How far do you want me to go?

06 Q If you could finish where the definition of "trust fund"  
07 starts. That would be the top of page 4.

08 Have you had a chance to look that

09 over?

10 A Yeah

11 Q As I understand it, the people who are beneficiaries  
12 under this settlement are people who would be considered  
13 members of the Sawridge Band under the Indian Act as it  
14 was in April of 1982

15 Is that your understanding, too?

16 A That's right. '82?

17 Q I think they say -- the date is April -- I don't know  
18 what the significance of it is, but if you look at the  
19 top of page 3 --

20 A I just don't know why it wouldn't be '85. That's all  
21 That's fine. It's a legal document, so ..

22 Q Sure. But, in any event, what it meant was that the  
23 people who would be beneficiaries would be people who  
24 would be considered members of the band before the  
25 passage of Bill C-31?

26 A That's right.

03908.01 Q The object of that was to exclude people who might become  
02 members of the Sawridge Band under Bill C-31 as  
03 beneficiaries?

04 A Yes, to a certain extent, yeah

05 Q Was it the intention that all of the assets of the band  
06 would be covered by that agreement or only some?

07 A I believe all assets that are -- not including -- I'm  
08 going to repeat -- I believe not including the capital --  
09 the funds that are held in Ottawa

10 Q So all assets other than that capital fund in Ottawa was  
11 to be covered by this trust agreement?

12 A Mm-hmm, or whatever the documents are in there.

13 I can't. . .

14 Q But I just want to know, when this agreement was being

15 prepared, what your objective was. And your first  
16 objective was that people who might become band members  
17 under Bill C-31 wouldn't be beneficiaries?  
18 A Mm-hmm.  
19 Q That's correct? That was Objective Number 1?  
20 A Right.  
21 Q And Objective Number 2 was that the trust would cover all  
22 of the assets of the Sawridge Band that were under the  
23 Sawridge Band's control?  
24 A Yes. What's on there, I believe I don't want to be  
25 saying something that --  
26 Q I'm not trying to trick you I'm wondering if that's  
03909 01 what your objective was  
02 A That's the objective of those.  
03 Q Sure. So that even if people under the bill became  
04 members of the band, they would be excluded from sharing  
05 in the assets of the band?  
06 A For -- especially a short purpose, right, for a short  
07 while there  
08 Q Until you changed the trust agreement?  
09 A We didn't know what the Bill C-31 was going to bring  
10 about  
11 Q So you tried to create a trust arrangement that would  
12 prevent Bill C-31 members from having any share in the  
13 band's assets?  
14 A That's right, on this one, yeah.  
15 Q Okay. Now, as far as whether or not -- it's a legal  
16 question, I suppose, whether or not you succeed in doing  
17 what you're trying to do You hire lawyers to try and do  
18 things for you, and sometimes they do it, and sometimes  
19 they don't. You recognize that?  
20 A I'm not saying the lawyers -- what they try to do or not.  
21 But the document, you know -- I need professional help  
22 for documents  
23 MR. HENDERSON: My Lord, just so it's clear on the  
24 record -- I want to make sure it is. Because the Senator  
25 has not had a chance to read through all of these  
26 documents, I've been giving history to my friend  
03910-01 There's an '86 version of the same  
02 trust where the definition of "beneficiary" would include  
03 anyone, from time to time, becoming a member under the  
04 Indian Act or otherwise. And that deals with the  
05 circumstance where the bill is now law, and you have to  
06 deal with people on that basis  
07 So just so it's not misleading,  
08 there's a time period for each of these things

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03948:01 (PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 9:05 A.M.)

02 MR. HENDERSON: My Lord, I'm going to ask for your  
03 consent to excuse my friends. I've got them chugging  
04 through the documents again today.  
05 THE COURT: That's reasonable, Mr. Henderson.  
06 Yes. Thank you.  
07 MR. FAULDS: And with respect to Mr. Glancy,  
08 My Lord, I believe Mr. Meehan is going to.  
09 MR. MEEHAN: With your permission, My Lord, may

10 I act as agent for Mr. Glancy?

11 THE COURT: Of course. With his consent, of  
12 course.

13 MR MEEHAN: With his consent

14 MR FAULDS: And at his request.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Faulds?

16 MR FAULDS: Thank you, My Lord.

17 MR TWINN CROSS-EXAMINED FURTHER BY MR. FAULDS

18 Q Chief Twinn, when we broke at the end of yesterday, you  
19 had in front of you two documents They were  
20 Exhibits 92(E), and I believe it was 92(G).

21 THE COURT: G and E?

22 MR. FAULDS: E and G.

23 Q MR FAULDS: Now, Chief Twinn, just to keep  
24 things straight, 92(E), I understand, is -- I'll call it  
25 the 1985 trust which did not include the Bill C-31 people  
26 as beneficiaries, and 92(G) is the 1986 trust which would  
03949.01 include the Bill C-31 people as beneficiaries.

02 What I was asking you about at the  
03 end of the day was, as far as you can recall, were these  
04 two trusts supposed to exist side by side? Were there  
05 supposed to be two trusts?

06 A No. The second trust was made after that, after the '85  
07 trust. I think the '86 was made after the '85.

08 Q Was every asset held by the 1985 trust supposed to be  
09 placed into the 1986 trust?

10 A Probably everything, unless there was some new company  
11 that had been -- between '85 and the '86 was made. I  
12 don't know that off the top of my head

13 Q But the intention was that the 1985 trust no longer be  
14 effective and that everything be in the 1986 trust?

15 A That's right.

16 THE COURT: So it's a substitution.

17 THE WITNESS: That's right.

18 Q MR. FAULDS: And it appears that with the  
19 exception of the documents that Mr. Henderson pointed  
20 out, that is, Document 92(K), which was a trust  
21 declaration over Plaza Food Fare Inc, we don't have any  
22 records or documents of the assets actually being placed  
23 into the 1986 trust. That's correct?

24 A That could be correct.

25 Q But that was the intention?

26 A That's the intention.

03950:01 Q And if we can look at the back page of Exhibit 92(G), the  
02 second last page, page 8, that would be your signature as  
03 the settlor under A there?

24 A That's right.  
25 Q Under the Sawridge Indian Band, again, that is your  
26 signature?  
03952:01 A That's right.  
02 Q And the witness to your signature on behalf of the  
03 Sawridge Indian Band, I believe, that would be  
04 Mr. McKinney's?  
05 A That's the last page?  
06 Q Yeah, on the last page.  
07 A That's right.  
08 Q Yeah. He's the executive director?  
09 A Right  
10 Q I gather from looking at those documents, Chief Twinn,  
11 that you sign a variety of legal documents in different  
12 capacities  
13 A Right.  
14 Q And your capacities include as chief of the band?  
15 A That's right.  
16 Q As a director of various corporations?  
17 A That's right  
18 Q As a trustee of the trusts that have been created?  
19 A That's right.  
20 Q And I just wanted to be sure that I understood the  
21 various points that we talked about yesterday. I wonder  
22 if maybe we could just go through a brief summary, and  
23 you can tell me if this is correct.  
24 First of all, I gather that the  
25 primary source of -- originally, the primary source of  
26 income for the Sawridge Band originated with the  
03953.01 discovery of oil under the reserve lands.  
02 A I'll call it capital funds.  
03 Q And those capital funds grew with the discovery of oil  
04 and the exploration and sale and royalties from that oil?  
05 A Whatever that says with the Indian Act, that is capital  
06 funds.  
07 Q So the royalties from the oil are received, and those  
08 royalties go into the band's capital account?  
09 A That's right, in Ottawa.  
10 Q That's right. And then funds can be drawn from that  
11 capital account by the band on a resolution of the band  
12 council?  
13 A Sometimes it takes a membership. Sometimes, you know, it  
14 takes a general meeting sometimes, depending on who . . .  
15 Q Okay. Is it fair to say that in the majority of cases  
16 where funds have been drawn from the capital account, in  
17 the last few years that has been done on the basis of a

18 band council resolution?

19 A Everything has to be done at least by band council  
20 resolution. Sometimes the department, from time to time,  
21 requests the majority vote, et cetera

22 Q Okay. Unless the department asks for something, it's  
23 done on band council resolution?

24 A It always -- it has to be done by band council  
25 resolution

26 Q And band council resolution would involve a resolution  
03954.01 which would be passed by -- well, the band council is you  
02 and your two close relatives?

03 A And my two close relatives.

04 Q Yes. And when funds have been drawn from the capital  
05 account, those funds have been invested in various  
06 companies that carry on business under the Sawridge name?

07 A That's right.

08 Q And those companies are -- you and your two close  
09 relatives are the directors and shareholders in those  
10 companies?

11 A Myself and my two close relatives are

12 Q And the shares in those companies that carry on business  
13 under the Sawridge name have then been placed in a trust  
14 for which you and your two close relatives are the  
15 trustees?

16 A Sometimes it doesn't go necessarily directly. Sometimes  
17 it goes directly to the company, and then the company  
18 later on, at a convenient time, will go to the trust, as  
19 accounting procedures require, to do audits, whatever. A  
20 lot of this is done by accountants plus legal people.

21 Q So I understand you're talking about the financing of the  
22 corporations

23 A Not only financing, even the trust declarations there.  
24 It's done with legal and accounting procedures. As  
25 accountants become aware there is, you know -- they have  
26 to be audited, so there is advice from two sources here

03955.01 that we get

02 THE COURT: Is your question predicated,  
03 Mr Faulds, on net revenue from the business operations  
04 going into the trust?

05 MR. FAULDS No. My question related to the  
06 shares in the corporation.

07 And perhaps that's where we're  
08 missing each other, Chief Twinn.

09 Q MR. FAULDS What I was suggesting was that the  
10 shares in the Sawridge companies, I believe you've  
11 indicated to us, have then been placed in the Sawridge

12 trust.

13 A I think generally it comes in directly to the company.  
14 If it's a new company, something, say, like the food  
15 store, something is coming in, if there is equity put in,  
16 it goes into that. And generally, after awhile, when  
17 that's been set up, on an appropriate time, accounting  
18 procedures, whatever, then it's usually placed in a  
19 trust

20 Q Okay So that in the end result -- and I think you've  
21 said this was the intention of the trust -- the trust  
22 holds the band's assets, and that means the shares of the  
23 Sawridge companies?

24 A Let me put it -- I'll try and put it in simple terms  
25 again, I guess

26 The trust -- the companies go into

03956:01 the Sawridge trust after -- after some time the company  
02 is formed, it generally goes into the Sawridge trust.

03 Q Sure. When you say "the companies go into the Sawridge  
04 trust," that means that the shares are held by the trust?

05 A Right

06 Q And the trustees of the Sawridge trust --

07 THE COURT. Could I interrupt, Mr. Faulds?

08 MR. FAULDS: I'm sorry

09 THE COURT. The shares are held by the Sawridge  
10 trust ultimately, sooner or later

11 THE WITNESS. That's right.

12 THE COURT. Net revenues of the business  
13 operations, what becomes of them?

14 THE WITNESS. The companies run -- the revenues  
15 are in there. And when there is an overflow, which isn't  
16 often, but, you know, if there is sometimes equities  
17 needed for a new business, that plus some more funds  
18 could go in. Like, if it's a food fare business or  
19 something that's purchased to . . .

20 THE COURT. Do they touch base -- are they  
21 placed in the trust and then spent for equities in the  
22 new businesses, or do they go directly from the operation  
23 of the corporation as net revenues to the equity fund for  
24 new businesses?

25 THE WITNESS. Generally, I think what's done --  
26 the companies are -- itself have the funds separately.

03957:01 The trust -- all the trust is doing, replacing -- in  
02 essence, I guess, the band is not a legal entity, and  
03 there is from time to time -- I guess it could be  
04 difference of legal opinion or accounting opinion. So,  
05 to be assured, our advice, that's what we've done. The

06 trust becomes the band, in essence.

07 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. That's  
08 good.

09 Q MR. FAULDS And the shareholders of trust,  
10 again, Chief Twinn, are yourself and two close  
11 relatives -- I'm sorry -- the trustees of the trust?

12 A That's right.

13 Q And the powers of the trustees under the trust are set  
14 out in the trust document?

15 A That's right.

16 THE COURT: Which is Exhibit . . .

17 MR. FAULDS: That is Exhibit 92-G.

18 THE COURT: It's actually brackets, but that's  
19 all right.

20 Q MR. FAULDS: In particular, Chief Twinn, if you  
21 look at page 4 of 92(G) --

22 A G?

23 Q 92(G) as in "George"

24 A I've got it. What page again? Sorry.

25 Q Page 4. I'm sorry.

26 And we looked at this yesterday, I  
03958-01 think, and I just want to be sure. At the bottom of the  
02 page there, there is a paragraph that doesn't have a  
03 number on it, which we looked at yesterday, and I think  
04 that you agreed that that was the paragraph which set out  
05 the powers of the trustees to deal with the income and  
06 capital of the fund.

07 THE COURT: This is getting rather repetitive,  
08 Mr. Faulds.

09 MR. FAULDS: I apologize, My Lord.

10 Q MR. FAULDS: That outline that you have just  
11 described of the band council and the corporations -- I'm  
12 sorry -- the capital accounts of the band held in Ottawa,  
13 the band council, the corporations, and the trust  
14 comprise the political and economical structure of the  
15 Sawridge Band?

16 A The band funds in Ottawa would not enter it here  
17 necessarily. If there were a change of band council,  
18 that would change. So the band itself is the bit, if  
19 it's always the band council. And it's in the  
20 Indian Act. It's done all across Canada. So it's  
21 not .

22 Q Of course. And this structure that we've just been  
23 describing, which involves the band council and the  
24 corporations, that is the political and economic  
25 structure of the Sawridge Band?

06 Department of Indian Affairs They approve it.  
07 Q What I am saying to you, sir, is, Was there a band vote  
08 for that \$1,553,000 that the Sawridge Band withdrew?  
09 A I cannot tell you exactly what that is right now -- right  
10 here now. I'm telling you -- all I can answer you, the  
11 Department approves these upon their requests. Sometimes  
12 they'll want the band vote, or sometimes they won't.  
13 Q Is it fair to say that the band takes for face value your  
14 band council resolution and acts on it except in very  
15 exceptional circumstances where they may ask you to hold  
16 a band vote? Is that a fair statement?  
17 THE COURT. The Department takes, not the band.  
18 A The Department of Indian Affairs approves everything,  
19 so ...  
20 Q MR AKMAN. Sir, they take for face value, in  
21 good faith and good credit, your band council resolutions  
22 requesting payments out of capital account, and in very  
23 exceptional circumstances they ask you for a vote. Is  
24 that correct?  
25 A That's right  
26 Q So that most of the funds that come out of the capital  
04004.01 account, go into your companies, which go then into the  
02 trusts, are all down on band council resolution?  
03 A One intercompany, they're not done by band council  
04 resolution.  
05 Q Hmm?  
06 A They're not done by one intercompany, once it gets from  
07 one to ...  
08 THE COURT: I think Mr. Akman was asking,  
09 Senator, whether transfers from the band accounts to any  
10 of the companies, not intercompany transfers but from the  
11 band's funds to the companies, if those are done by band  
12 council resolution alone or by a vote. That's what he's  
13 asking.  
14 A At the best of my knowledge, because I don't have -- a  
15 band council resolution stresses what it set out to do.  
16 In order to get that audited, that has -- an auditor  
17 could not at that level. Basically states what the use  
18 of that capital fund is going to do, and then it goes  
19 in. Then I thought it became legal at that point, when  
20 the Minister approved it for that reason. That's what it  
21 spent for.  
22 Q MR AKMAN. That's right. So the oil comes out  
23 of the ground, it goes into the capital account, it comes  
24 out of the capital account through band council  
25 resolutions --

26 A Right.  
04005.01 Q -- it goes into your companies --  
02 A Some of it.  
03 Q -- for economic development?  
04 A Right.  
05 Q And, from the companies, you, as director and shareholder  
06 of these companies, put the company assets -- have placed  
07 the company assets or intended to place all the company  
08 assets in these trusts. Is that right?  
09 A Right.  
10 Q So that the undivided interests of the band members is  
11 all to be found in these trusts?  
12 A I think they'll all be traceable.  
13 Q And we've already agreed that you have no consent or  
14 permission to deal with this property from any band  
15 member living off reserve? You have no authority or  
16 permission from any of these people to be director or  
17 shareholder or settlor or trustee, we've agreed on that,  
18 too?  
19 A What sets out from -- I guess consent is voting for chief  
20 and council  
21 Q Good  
22 Now, then, I want you to turn to  
23 Document 92(G), paragraph 6  
24 THE COURT: I think you said 92(G), did you?  
25 MR. AKMAN: G, yes, My Lord  
26 Q MR. AKMAN: 92(G), second paragraph of 6,  
04006:01 Clause 6, of page 4  
02 Now, this second paragraph of 6  
03 says,  
04 "During the existence of this trust, the  
05 trustees shall have complete and unfettered  
06 discretion to pay or to apply all or so much  
07 of the net income of the trust fund, if any,  
08 or to accumulate the same, or any proportion  
09 thereof, and all or so much of the capital  
10 trust fund as they in their unfettered  
11 discretion from time to time deem appropriate  
12 for any one or more of the beneficiaries. The  
13 trustees may make such payments at such time  
14 from time to time in such manner and such  
15 proportions as the trustees in their  
16 uncontrolled discretion deem appropriate."  
17 Do you see that?  
18 A I see that.  
19 Q So, according to this trust fund created to promote the



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INTER VIVOS SETTLEMENT CREATED BY  
CHIEF WALTER PATRICK TWINN, OF THE  
SAWRIDGE INDIAN BAND, NO. 19 now known  
as SAWRIDGE FIRST NATION ON APRIL 15,  
1985

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**Basis for this claim:**

1. The Applicants, the Sawridge Trustees, are the Trustees of the Sawridge Band Inter Vivos Settlement ("1985 Trust"). The Applicants seek determination of an issue and advice and directions from this Court. Pursuant to the comments of the Court of Appeal in *Twinn v Twinn*, 2017 ABCA 419, the Applicants file this document to set out and clarify the advice and directions sought in this Application.
2. The 1985 Trust was settled on April 15, 1985. Thereafter, section 15 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* came into force, following the signing of the *Charter* into law.
3. After the 1985 Trust was settled, Bill C-31 was passed into law, making significant amendments to the *Indian Act*, R.S.C. 1970, Chapter I-6. Those amendments included the reinstatement of status and membership to women who had married non-Indigenous men and therefore lost their status and membership under the *Indian Act* prior to the amendments.
4. The definition of "Beneficiary" in the Trust Deed of the 1985 Trust makes specific reference to determining members of the Sawridge First Nation ("SFN") by reference to the *Indian Act* as it read as at April 15, 1982, before Bill C-31 was passed. The Trust Deed specifically prohibits amendment of the definition of "Beneficiary".
5. The 1985 Trust was funded from assets that had belonged to the SFN. Currently, there are members of SFN who are not beneficiaries of the 1985 Trust, such as the Bill C-31 women. There are beneficiaries of the 1985 Trust who are not members of SFN.
6. There may be other forms of discrimination in the definition of "Beneficiary".
7. The Applicants seek a determination of the following issue:

Is the definition of "Beneficiary" in the Trust Deed of the 1985 Trust discriminatory, insofar as the

definition refers to provisions of the *Indian Act*, RSC 1970, c I-6, which have since been amended, and reads:

"Beneficiary" at any particular time shall mean all persons who at that time qualify as members of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 pursuant to the provisions of the *Indian Act* R.S.C. 1970, Chapter I-6 as such provisions existed on the 15th day of April, 1982 and, in the event that such provisions are amended after the date of the execution of this Deed all persons who at such particular time would qualify for membership of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 pursuant the said provisions as such provisions existed on the 15th day of April, 1982 and, for greater certainty, no persons who would not qualify as members of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 pursuant to the said provisions, as such provisions existed on the 15th day of April, 1982, shall be regarded as "Beneficiaries" for the purpose of this Settlement whether or not such persons become or are at any time considered to be members of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 for all or any other purposes by virtue of amendments to the *Indian Act* R.S.C. 1970, Chapter I-6 that may come into force at any time after the date of the execution of this Deed or by virtue of any other legislation enacted by the Parliament of Canada or by any province or by virtue of any regulation, Order in Council, treaty or executive act of the Government of Canada or any province or by any other means whatsoever; provided, for greater certainty, that any person who shall become enfranchised, become a member of another Indian band or in any manner voluntarily cease to be a member of the Sawridge Indian Band No. 19 under the *Indian Act* R.S.C. 1970, Chapter I-6, as amended from time to time, or any consolidation thereof or successor legislation thereto shall thereupon cease to be a Beneficiary for all purposes of this Settlement;

**Remedy sought:**

8. If the definition of "Beneficiaries" is found not to be discriminatory, then the Applicants do not expect to seek any other relief.
9. If the definition of "Beneficiary" is discriminatory, the Applicants seek direction from this Court as to the appropriate remedy, and particularly whether the appropriate remedy is:
  - (a) To modify the definition by striking out language that has a discriminatory effect such that the definition of "Beneficiary" in the 1985 Trust will be reduced to members of the Sawridge First Nation?
  - (b) If the remedy in paragraph 9(a) is not granted to determine if the 1985 Trust can be amended pursuant to,
    - (i) the amending provisions of the Trust Deed, or
    - (ii) Section 42 of the *Trustee Act*?
10. If the definition of "Beneficiary" is modified, by striking out language or otherwise, then:
  - (a) Should there be "grandfathering" such that any of the individuals who met the definition of "Beneficiary" before this relief is granted will remain Beneficiaries?

(b) If the answer to 10(a) is "yes", what should the terms of such "grandfathering" be and who will be grandfathered?

11. Such further and other relief as this Court may deem appropriate.

**Affidavit or other evidence to be used in support of this application:**

12. Such material as has been filed to date and has been posted on the applicable court ordered website at [www.sawridgetrusts.ca](http://www.sawridgetrusts.ca)

13. Such further material as counsel may further advise and this Honourable Court may admit.

**How the Application is to be heard:**

14. The application is to be heard in Special Chambers before the presiding Justice at a date to be determined.

**Applicable Acts and regulations and Orders:**

15. *Alberta Rules of Court*, Alta Reg 124/2010;

16. *Trustee Act*, RSA 2000, c T-8;

17. Order of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta dated January 5, 2018 in case management.

**WARNING**

If you do not come to Court either in person or by your lawyer, the Court may give the applicant(s) what they want in your absence. You will be bound by any order that the Court makes. If you want to take part in this application, you or your lawyer must attend in Court on the date and time shown at the beginning of the form. If you intend to rely on an affidavit or other evidence when the application is heard or considered, you must reply by giving reasonable notice of the material to the applicant.



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Attention: Ms. Janet L. Hutchison

Dear Madam:

**RE: Sawridge Band Inter Vivos Settlement ("1985 Sawridge Trust" or "Trust" Action No. 1103 14112**

These proceedings were initiated on August 31, 2011. At that time, the trustees of the 1985 Sawridge Trust obtained an Order directing that an application for advice and directions was to be brought regarding the definition of "beneficiaries" contained in the Trust deed. It is coming upon 4 years since the issuance of that Order, and despite great expense incurred by our clients, we are no nearer resolution of this issue. The time that has elapsed and the costs that have been incurred are detrimental to the Trust and are not in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

We are now in receipt of your letter dated May 15, 2015, wherein you advise that you will be seeking joinder of our action with Action No. 1403 04885. It is our respectful view that the two actions are unrelated, and joinder of these actions would result in further significant delay and expense to the Trust.

Our clients have considered how to best proceed given the circumstances and we wish to propose a settlement. As you know, the concern of the trustees is that the current definition of "beneficiaries" is discriminatory, and we are seeking the advice and direction of the Court to address this concern. By changing the definition of "beneficiaries" to one that references membership in the Band, it was thought that this would best express the intentions of all parties concerned including the settlors and trustees of the original trust. However, we acknowledge that such a change is a concern to your client and the minors that you represent. We have our list of beneficiaries and have included beneficiaries who were born after the litigation began and included children who have become adults and further included children who have become members. In particular, there are 24 children that are currently beneficiaries of the 1985 Sawridge Trust, and all but 4 of them would lose their beneficiary status should the definition of "beneficiaries" be changed to equate to membership. There are 4 children who have attained

membership status and thus they will continue to be beneficiaries if the definition of beneficiary changed to "members". See table 1 for a list of the children who would lose beneficiary status. See Table 2 for a list of the children who have been admitted as members. There are 4 minors who have become adults since the litigation began (or will be adults in 2015). They have remained on the tables despite becoming adults.

Our client is prepared to "grandfather" the 20 children who have not yet been admitted to membership whereby they would not lose their beneficiary status, despite the change in the definition. These individuals would maintain their beneficiary status throughout their lifetime. Thus we are essentially offering these minors a complete victory in this matter. They would not be excluded from the trust regardless of their ability to obtain membership. While we maintain that they are likely to become members, we would now guarantee their beneficiary status in the trust which could offer them significant benefits in the future. There is no guarantee that a change in definition if approved by the court would provide benefits for these children.

The perpetuation of discrimination in the current definition of beneficiaries is evident in respect the women who were excluded from beneficial status in the 1985 Trust by the Indian Act, 1970 even though they may have regained membership in the Sawridge First Nation. These women were granted membership in the Sawridge First Nation as a result of Bill C-31 either through application to the First Nation or as a result of a Court Order. Since these women are all current members of the Sawridge First Nation and since it is the intent of the Trustees to apply for a variance to the 1985 Trust definition of beneficiary which includes all members of the Sawridge First Nation as beneficiaries, these women will be included as beneficiaries in the 1985 Trust should the Court agree to the proposed variance to the 1985 Trust. The delay in this litigation and the delay in the change of definition perpetuates the discrimination for these women. They cannot receive benefits from this trust and they continue to be singled out as members who do not enjoy the same status as other members of the First Nation. A change in definition is a very good step to remedying the discrimination for these women as they are presently excluded from the trust and with the change in definition will be included as beneficiaries.

We believe that such a solution of grandfathering the minors on Table 1 is not only fair but provides the Public Trustee with everything that it could reasonably expect in these proceedings. Not only is the discriminatory provision removed, but all of the minor "beneficiaries" who would lose their status are protected. While we acknowledge that the Court will ultimately have to decide whether such a proposal is appropriate, we are hopeful that a joint submission to that effect will convince Justice Thomas of the same. We are also hopeful that your client will view such a proposal as a good faith attempt by the trustees to address the interests of the minor beneficiaries, and that you will agree to join us in seeking the necessary Order from the Court without delay. As noted above, we are essentially offering these minors a complete victory in this matter.

As we are proposing to grandfather as beneficiaries all of the minor children who would lose their status we feel that the Public Trustee has fulfilled the mandate provided to it by the court. We are offering to grandfather all of these children in the interests of fairness and in the interests of stopping the litigation and proceeding to use the trust assets for the benefit of the beneficiaries instead of the costs of litigation.

We would also seek consent or at least no opposition to the nunc pro tunc approval of the transfer of assets from the 1982 trust to the 1985 trust. We believe that this was clearly intended and the trust has been operating since 1982. It would be impossible to overturn the transactions and events that have occurred since 1982. Thus we seek the approval for the transfer of assets. It is a benefit to all the beneficiaries to remove this uncertainty. To be clear, if the transfer is not approved we believe that the assets would need to return to the 1982 trust in which the definition of beneficiary is the members of the First Nation and thus the children you represent would not be included.

Thus we seek your approval for an order

1. To amend the definition of beneficiaries as follows:

"Beneficiaries" at any particular time shall mean:

- a. all persons who at that time qualify as members of the Sawridge Indian Band under the laws of Canada in force from time to time including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the membership rules and customary laws of the Sawridge Indian Band as the same may exist from time to time to the extent that such membership rules and customary laws are incorporated into, or recognized by, the laws of Canada;
- b. the individuals who are listed as Schedule A to this trust (Schedule A would include all the individuals listed on Table 1).

2. Approving the transfer of assets from the 1982 trust to the 1985 trust nunc pro tunc.

This offer is open for acceptance until June 29, 2015. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Yours very truly,  
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Table 1: Minor Beneficiaries of the 1985 Trust as at  
August 31, 2011 updated to 2015

Beneficiary	Birthdate	Age in 2015	Category
1. Lamouche-Twin, Everett (Justin Twin)	05/10/2003	12	Illegitimate Child of Illegitimate Male Child of Female Band member Not Protested
2. Lamouche-Twin, Justice (Justin Twin)	02/04/2001	14	Illegitimate Child of Illegitimate Male Child of Female Band member Not Protested
3. Lamouche-Twin, Kalyn (Justin Twin)	24/08/2007	8	Illegitimate Child of Illegitimate Male Child of Female Band member Not Protested
4. Lamouche-Twin, Maggie (Justin Twin)	27/03/2009	6	Illegitimate Child of Illegitimate Male Child of Female Band member Not Protested
5. Moodie, Jorja L. (Jeanine Potskin)	29/01/2008	7	Illegitimate Child of Female Band member Not Protested
6. Potskin, Ethan E.R. (Trent Potskin)	15/01/2004	11	Illegitimate Child of Male Illegitimate Child of Female Band member Not Protested
7. Potskin, Jaise A. (Jeanine Potskin)	25/03/2003	12	Illegitimate Child of Female Illegitimate Child of Female Band member Not Protested
8. Potskin, Talia M.L. (Trent Potskin)	16/03/2010	5	Illegitimate Child of Male Illegitimate Child of Female Band member Not Protested
9. Robberstad, Jadyn (Jaclyn Twin)	04/07/2011	4	Illegitimate Child of Female Band member Not Protested
10. Twin, Alexander L. (Wesley Twin)	23/01/2005	10	Child of Married Male Band member
11. Twin, Autumn J. (Darcy Twin)	26/09/2002	13	Child of Married Male Band member
12. Twin, Destin D. (Jaclyn Twin)	24/06/2008	7	Illegitimate Child of Female Band member Not Protested
13. Twin, Justice W. (Wesley Twin)	20/09/2001	14	Child of Married Male Band member
14. Twin, Logan F. (Darcy	17/04/2007	8	Child of Married Male Band member



Beneficiary	Birthdate	Age in 2015	Category
Twin)			
15. Twin, River C. (Darcy Twin)	03/05/2010	5	Child of Married Male Band member
16. Twinn, Clinton (Irene Twinn)	03/02/1997	18	➤ Illegitimate Child of Female Band Member Not Protested ➤ Adult after 30 August 2011
17. Twinn-Vincent, Seth (Arlene Twinn)	01/07/2001	14	Child of Female Band member who married Non-Band member
18. Twinn-Vincent, W. Chase (Arlene Twinn)	31/07/1998	17	Child of Female Band member who married Non-Band member
19. Potskin, William (Aaron Potskin)	19/09/2013	2	➤ Child of Male band member ➤ Born after the litigation began
20. Twinn, Kaitlin ( Paul Twinn)	23/02/1995	20	➤ Child of male band member ➤ Adult after 30 August 2011

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**Table 2: Beneficiaries to the 1985 Trust who have become members**

Non-Beneficiary	Birthdate	Age in 2015	Category
1. Twinn, Alexander G. (Roland Twinn)	01/10/1997	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Child of Married Male Band member</li> <li>➤ Admitted as a member of the First nation</li> <li>➤ Adult (this year) after 30 August 2011</li> </ul>
2. Twinn, Corey (Ardell Twinn)	18/01/1994	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Child of male band member</li> <li>➤ Admitted as a member of the First nation</li> <li>➤ Adult after 30 August 2011</li> </ul>
3. Twin, Starr (Winona Twin)	29/11/2002	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Illegitimate Child of Female Band member Not Protested</li> <li>➤ Admitted as a member of the First nation</li> </ul>
4. Twin, Rainbow (Winona Twin)	31/05/1998	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Illegitimate Child of Female Band member Not Protested</li> <li>➤ Admitted as a member of the First nation</li> </ul>

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