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FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

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Ms. Jeanne Fleming
Director
Membership and Entitlement Directorate
Department of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Fleming:

I am writing to you to provide final clarification with respect to the Fort William Membership Code and to ask once again that the Minister move to transfer control of membership to the Fort William Ojibways.

As you will see from the attached affidavit, our people did properly approve the Code in June, 1987. Unfortunately, by inadvertence, it was the discussion notes for the Code and not the Code itself that were sent to the Department at that time. The code that was sent to the Department in July, 1988 is the Code that was passed in 1987, and the information provided in 1987 with respect to the people's approval was in respect of the rules that were sent in 1988.

I regret the confusion caused by the wrong document being sent in 1987. I hope this clarifies the matter and that the Minister will transfer control as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Christi Pervais
Chief

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enc.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Christi Pervais, of the Fort William Indian Reserve in the District of Thunder Bay in the Province of Ontario, hereby make oath and say that:

1. I am the duly elected Chief of the Fort William Band of Indians, and as such have knowledge of the matters herein deposed to.
2. On June 26 1987, the majority of the electors of the Fort William Band approved a Membership Code for the Band.
3. In June, 1987, the Band Manager of the Fort William Band sent to the District Office of the Department of Indian Affairs Northern Development a report of the approval of the members of the Band.
4. At the same time, the Band Manager sent to the District Office of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development a copy of the "Discussion Notes" concerning the Membership Code.
5. The "Discussion Notes" were sent by mistake and were not the Code that had been approved by the members of the Fort William Band.
6. In July, 1988, the Membership Code that has been approved by the members of the Fort William Band was sent to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Ottawa.
7. The information concerning the approval of the Membership Code sent in June, 1987 to the District office of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development actually relates to the Membership Code that was approved at that time, a copy of which was sent to the Department in Ottawa in July, 1988, as described above.

Sworn before me at

Thunder Bay

Christi Pervais
Chief Christi Pervais

this 10 day of October, 1989

Gene A. Bannon
A Commissioner, etc.

GENE A. BANNON
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