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Dear Chief Paul and Chief Peters:

Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn negotiators have long communicated to Canada that the Comprehensive Claim process does not meet the interests of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia. It is for this reason that Canada and the Mi'kmaq are engaged in unique discussions focused on implementing existing treaty rights and establishing a nation-to-nation relationship with the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia. Canada is not contemplating the negotiations of a "modern treaty" in the Made-in-Nova Scotia Process. It is important to stress that Canada does not have a policy that contemplates the extinguishment of Aboriginal or treaty rights, including title. It is also important to note that any negotiation funding provided to Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn is contribution funding - not loan funding. For ease of reference, I am attaching a letter from Mr. Kevin Clement, Director of Negotiations Supports, to Mrs. Viola Robinson on this matter. The November 2014 letter confirmed that Negotiations Preparedness Initiative funding to the Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn is a non-repayable contribution.

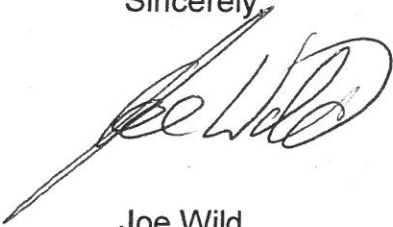
I acknowledge that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's website still classifies Canada's negotiation with the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia as a 'Comprehensive Claim.' Officials are looking to change the terminology associated with the negotiations and are working with the Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn negotiation team to characterize the negotiations in a manner that expresses the nature of our discussions with the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.

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As expressed in the Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada wishes to advance reconciliation and renew a nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous Peoples, based on recognition of rights, respect, cooperation, and partnership. I am encouraged that these principles are embodied by the unique and innovative negotiations with the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Wild', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Joe Wild
Senior Assistant Deputy Minister
Treaties and Aboriginal Government

Encl.

c.c.: Mrs. Viola Robinson
Mr. Owen Everts-Lind



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Your file - Votre référence

Our file - Notre référence

Viola Robinson
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Dear Mrs. Robinson,

It has come to my attention, through Senior Negotiator Ritu Sood, that you are seeking clarification on whether any NPI funding received by KMK would be deducted from a final settlement. I can confirm that your NPI funding is a non-repayable contribution, and therefore would, not be considered in a final settlement, i.e. will not be deducted.

I trust this eases your concerns but should you have any further questions regarding your this matter, please feel free to contact me at Kevin.clement@aandc.gc.ca or by phone at 819-997-9757.

Sincerely,

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cc. Ritu Sood, Federal Senior Negotiator

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