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Commission of Inquiry into the Circumstances
Surrounding the Death of Phoenix Sinclair

APPLICATION FOR STANDING

TAKE NOTICE THAT

LAWRENCE TRAVERSE
AND
JANELLE SUTHERLAND

APPLICANT(S)

HEREBY APPLIES FOR STANDING at the Commission of Inquiry into the Circumstances Surrounding the Death of Phoenix Sinclair (" The Inquiry), as follows

The Applicant applies for standing on the following grounds.

- i. The applicant is directly and substantially affected by the Inquiry into the death of Phoenix Sinclair.
- ii. The applicant represents interest directly in association with the scope of the Inquiry. He believes his perspective is essential, to the successful conduct and conclusion of the Inquiry.
- iii. The Applicant has special interest in the Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Phoenix Sinclair. The applicants own daughter was in fact murdered in care. In fact it was the same agency it is alleged that a social worker concealed information that the child Phoenix



Sinclair was deceased. The applicants circumstances of requesting standing at the inquiry fall within the term commissions terms of reference.

Lawrence Traverse requests that he be given opportunity to participate in the hearings. In order to participate in all aspect of the inquiry, where it is applicable for him to do so including :

1. access to documents collected by the commission subject to rules of procedure.
2. The opportunity to suggest witness to be called by the commission counsel.
3. The opportunity to cross examines witness on relevant matters as they pertain to his situation if the matter arises.
4. The opportunity to make closing submissions

The Applicant Lawrence Traverse has many important questions he wishes to have answered. He seeks changes in the child Protection System of Manitoba so that similar death such as his daughter and Phoenix Sinclair's be prevented from happening again to any other child.

Lawrence Traverse Makes this application for a grant of Standing ,and or , at the very least be witness in these proceedings on the following grounds:

1. Lawrence Traverse Born August 28th, 1969. hold a certificate of Indian Status under the Indian Act of Canada he is a member of Fisher River.
2. The Applicant Lawrence Traverse is the father of 5 surviving children his youngest child is the reason for this request for standing.
3. In the winter 2004 the Applicants wife suffered a stroke which left her unable to care for her children herself. Shortly thereafter the agency entered into the home to assess the family situation . The applicant Lawrence Traverse signed into a voluntary placement agreement in good faith

with the child and family service agency. 4 of the six children would be given foster placements while the two eldest remained in the home.

- 4. In the month of December 2004 the applicant reported to the agency Bruising on his youngest child. No action was taking in regard for his concerns that his daughter was being abused.

- 5. On or About January 14 2004 the applicant Lawrence Traverse was informed his youngest daughter was being transported to the Health Science Center in Winnipeg where she succumbed to her injuries. She died January 14 2005 of head injury, The children in care we all returned to the family, and remained home for approximately 2 months

- 6. In the month of March Child and Family Services entered the home apprehending all children on the grounds of poor hygiene. A permanent order on the children was granted. The applicant was given one visit o month. Most of those visits were cancelled and no makeup visits ever provided. Subsequently the applicant lost the bond with his younger children.

- 7. The applicant wishes to note there was No Alcohol or other substance abuse the children were not ever placed in danger there was no abuse cited as subject of the apprehension.

8. The applicant believe his families story can offer clear insight as to the shortcomings of Aboriginal that failed his child. The same system that failed the child of this inquiry five (5) months later in June of 2005
9. The applicant respectfully request standing at the inquiry to bring closure to his daughters case and closure to his family so that they may move forward and heal. No investigation or review had taken place in his daughter's death until one year later in March 2006 which resulted in the foster parents being charged with assault.
10. After meeting the family of Phoenix Sinclair the applicant submitted several request for transfer of worker and agency between the years of 2006 and 2009. Lawrence Traverse was successful in the transfer of his two oldest children from the agency in Fisher River to Selkirk Mb where he resides only after a serious issue regarding his wife was brought to the authorities by the two children. This incident lead to the arrest of the foster father on very sever charges.
11. The applicants case is well documented at the highest levels of the child protection system. examples of the issues documented are:
- Visits taken away with no explanation
 - the infrequency of visits and the time allotted as per the Child and family Service Act of Manitoba.
 - The lack of communication between family and worker/ agency Ie: calls never being returned or written correspondence never replied to.



12. The applicant Lawrence Traverse was not fully explained his rights in regard to the voluntary placement agreement at the time of signing the document. During all this time the applicant was in fact assigned Legal Aid in regards to his children and Child and Family Service. This legal aid representative do absolutely nothing in regards to upholding Lawrence Traverse rights in regard to children or the children's right to their parents
13. The applicant to date has receive no assistance in the formal complaints made to the authorities and have long suffered at the hands of this agency. The applicant feel his case could contribute significantly to the conduct of investigation into the child protection system and the outcome of this inquiry. Lawrence request standing so that he may participate and express his concerns and views of the Manitoba Child Protection System of Manitoba

Thank you

JANELLE SUTHERLAND

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- The Applicant applies for standing on the following grounds.
- iv. The applicant is directly and substantially affected by the inquiry into the death of Phoenix Sinclair.
 - v. The applicant represents interest directly in association with the scope of the Inquiry. She believes her perspective is important, to the successful conduct and conclusion of the Inquiry.
 - vi. The Applicant has special interest in the Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Phoenix Sinclair. The applicants own Niece was in fact murdered in care. In fact it was the same agency it is alleged that a social worker concealed information that the child Phoenix Sinclair was



deceased. The applicant's circumstances of requesting standing at the inquiry fall within the term commission's terms of reference.

Janelle Sutherland requests that she be given opportunity to participate in the hearings. In order to participate in all aspect of the inquiry, where it is applicable for her to do so including :

1. Access to documents collected by the commission subject to rules of procedure.
2. The opportunity to suggest witness to be called by the commission counsel.
3. The opportunity to make closing submissions

The Applicant Janelle Traverse has many important questions she wishes to have answered. she seeks changes in the child Protection System of Manitoba so that similar death such as her niece and Phoenix Sinclair's be prevented from happening again to any other child.

Lawrence Traverse Makes this application for a grant of Standing ,and or , at the very least be witness in these proceedings on the following grounds:

1. The Applicant Janelle Sutherland Born August 16th 1965 hold a certificate of Indian Status under the Indian Act of Canada she is a member of Fisher River.
2. The applicant has been the primary help for Lawrence Traverse. She is married to Lawrences brother. The applicant has assisted Lawrence in dealing with the Family Service agency in all aspects of his case.
3. The applicant played a significant role in the transfer of his two oldest children from the Fisher River Agency.



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