

February 12, 2021

TO: Executive Directors, Children's Aid Societies

FROM: Linda Chihab
Regional Director, West Region

RE: **Request to post the attached Notice of Settlement Approval Hearing regarding *Grann et al v. HMQ (the Crown ward Class Action)***

In separate memos dated April 15 and June 5, 2014, the ministry advised that on January 22, 2014, a proposed class action was filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on behalf of all persons who became Crown wards in Ontario on or after January 1, 1966. This claim was later certified by the Court as a class proceeding and the class has been defined to include all individuals who were Crown wards in Ontario at any time between January 1, 1966 and March 30, 2017.

The claim alleges that Ontario breached duties owed to the class and was negligent in its failure to take steps to protect and pursue Crown wards' rights to apply for compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and to commence civil proceedings for damages sustained as a result of criminal or tortious acts.

Although Ontario does not admit any liability, the parties have agreed to a proposed settlement of this class action. The proposed settlement will need to be approved by the Court before it is finalized. As a result, a settlement approval hearing has been scheduled for May 12, 2021. Prior to the settlement approval hearing, notice of this hearing will be provided to class members.

Please find attached a Court approved notice of the settlement approval hearing. Please post the attached notice in a prominent public place in your office until May 12, 2021.

Please also find enclosed a French version of the Short Form Notice. This translated version has not been approved by the Court but is being provided by the ministry as a courtesy.

If you have any questions related to this request, please contact your Program Supervisor.

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