

COURT FILE NUMBER QBG-SA-00766-2022

COURT OF KING'S BENCH FOR SASKATCHEWAN

JUDICIAL CENTRE SASKATOON

PLAINTIFFS CAITLIN ERICKSON, JENNIFER SOUCY (BEAUDRY)
and STEFANIE HUTCHINSON

DEFENDANTS KEITH JOHNSON, JOHN OLUBOBOKUN, KEN SCHULTZ,
NATHAN RYSAVY, DUFF FRIESEN, LYNETTE WEILER,
JOEL HALL, FRAN THEVENOT, LOU BRUNELLE, JAMES
RANDALL, TRACEY JOHNSON, SIMBO OLUBOBOKUN,
CATHERINE RANDALL, KEVIN MACMILLAN, ANNE
MACMILLAN, DAWN BEAUDRY, NATHAN SCHULTZ,
AARON BENNEWEIS, DEIDRE BENNEWEIS, DARCY
SCHUSTER, RANDY DONAUER, JOHN THURINGER, MILE
TWO CHURCH INC., THE GOVERNMENT OF
SASKATCHEWAN, JOHN DOES and JANE DOES

Brought under *The Class Actions Act*, SS 2001 c C-12.01

REPLY TO REQUEST FOR PARTICULARS

The Plaintiffs, Caitlin Erickson, Jennifer Soucy (Beaudry), and Stefanie Hutchinson, hereby reply as follows to the Defendant's, Nathan Rysavy's, Request for Particulars, dated October 31, 2023:

The Plaintiffs state generally that the nature of class action litigation is that not all instances of conduct captured by the conduct pleaded in the Second Amended Statement of Claim are, or can be, known to the Plaintiffs and that in this regard the Second Amended Statement of Claim affords Nathan Rysavy sufficient information to enable him to understand “at least in broad strokes what the plaintiff’s case is about” with respect to all of the particulars requested (see: *Wasserman v Saskatchewan (Minister of Highways and Infrastructure)*, 2022 SKQB 17, [2022] SJ No 34).

The Plaintiffs state that particulars requiring the identification of perpetrator, victim, and date of each and every incident of abuse carried out by the Defendants against members of the Plaintiff Classes, which occurred over a span of 1982 to present, is not

reasonable, appropriate or consistent with either the general rules of pleadings or the rules of pleadings in a class action. Further, such requests for particulars are contrary to the purpose of class proceedings as a whole, and particularly respecting class proceedings prior to certification. Particularly pre-certification, the Class Plaintiffs do not, and can not, know of all conduct carried out against all of the Plaintiff Classes.

The Plaintiffs state that the Second Amended Statement of Claim speaks for itself with respect to the allegations.

The Plaintiffs state that the Second Amended Statement of Claim speaks for itself with respect to the individuals who were the victims of and suffered damages as a result of the allegations.

The Plaintiffs state that all of the conduct alleged in the Second Amended Statement of Claim occurred in the Province of Saskatchewan during the period from 1982 to present.

1. With respect to paragraph 45 and 46 of the Amended Claim, particulars of the alleged incidents of corporal punishment allegedly observed by Nathan, including the:
 - (a) Frequency;
 - (b) Location;
 - (c) Dates on which such alleged conduct was observed; and
 - (d) The names of the alleged victims.

Reply:

The Plaintiffs reply as follows:

1. **The particulars requested herein are matters of evidence not pleading and are discoverable through a Questioning in this matter (see: *Prince Albert Co-Operative Assn. Ltd. v. Lyons*, [1984] S.J. No. 110).**
2. **The Defendant has better knowledge of the particulars demanded by it (see: *Prince Albert Co-Operative Assn. Ltd. v. Lyons*, [1984] S.J. No. 110 and *Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce v. Todd*, [1987] S.J. No. 703).**

3. **The particulars demanded are not reasonably required by the Defendant in order to plead intelligently** (see: *Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Assn. v. Saskatchewan (Minister of Justice)*, [1994] 9 W.W.R. 293).
 4. **The Statement of Claim affords the Defendant sufficient information to enable it to understand “at least in broad strokes what the plaintiff’s case is about”, as is required in a pre-certification application for further particulars** (see: *Wasserman v Saskatchewan (Minister of Highways and Infrastructure)*, 2022 SKQB 17, [2022] SJ No 34).
2. With respect to paragraphs 47 and 48 of the Amended Claim, particulars of Nathan’s alleged abuse in regard to trespass to the person, intentional infliction of mental injury, physical or sexual assault and/or battery of students, minor adherents and congregants of the Church, including the:
- (a) Frequency;
 - (b) Location;
 - (c) Dates on which such alleged conduct was observed; and
 - (d) The names of the alleged victims.

Reply:

The Plaintiffs reply as follows:

In addition:

1. **The particulars requested herein are matters of evidence not pleading and are discoverable through a Questioning in this matter** (see: *Prince Albert Co-Operative Assn. Ltd. v. Lyons*, [1984] S.J. No. 110).
2. **The Defendant has better knowledge of the particulars demanded by it** (see: *Prince Albert Co-Operative Assn. Ltd. v. Lyons*, [1984] S.J. No. 110 and *Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce v. Todd*, [1987] S.J. No. 703).

- 3. The particulars demanded are not reasonably required by the Defendant in order to plead intelligently** (see: *Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Assn. v. Saskatchewan (Minister of Justice)*, [1994] 9 W.W.R. 293).
 - 4. The Statement of Claim affords the Defendant sufficient information to enable it to understand “at least in broad strokes what the plaintiff’s case is about”, as is required in a pre-certification application for further particulars** (see: *Wasserman v Saskatchewan (Minister of Highways and Infrastructure)*, 2022 SKQB 17, [2022] SJ No 34).
3. With respect to paragraph 49 of the Amended Claim, particulars of Nathan’s alleged direction of employees, agents and representatives of Mile Two Church Inc. to carry out Physical Abuse, Non-Physical Abuse and Intimidation Abuse, including the:
- (a) Frequency;
 - (b) Location;
 - (c) Dates on which such alleged conduct was observed; and
 - (d) The names of the alleged victims.

Reply:

The Plaintiffs reply as follows:

- 1. The particulars requested herein are matters of evidence not pleading and are discoverable through a Questioning in this matter** (see: *Prince Albert Co-Operative Assn. Ltd. v. Lyons*, [1984] S.J. No. 110).
- 2. The Defendant has better knowledge of the particulars demanded by it** (see: *Prince Albert Co-Operative Assn. Ltd. v. Lyons*, [1984] S.J. No. 110 and *Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce v. Todd*, [1987] S.J. No. 703).
- 3. The particulars demanded are not reasonably required by the Defendant in order to plead intelligently** (see: *Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Assn. v. Saskatchewan (Minister of Justice)*, [1994] 9 W.W.R. 293).

4. **The Statement of Claim affords the Defendant sufficient information to enable it to understand “at least in broad strokes what the plaintiff’s case is about”, as is required in a pre-certification application for further particulars** (see: *Wasserman v Saskatchewan (Minister of Highways and Infrastructure)*, 2022 SKQB 17, [2022] SJ No 34).

4. With respect to paragraph 63, particulars of instances in which Nathan failed to supervise the employees, agents and representatives to ensure the safety of the students of the School and minor adherents and congregants of the Church, including the:
 - (a) Frequency;
 - (b) Location;
 - (c) Dates on which such alleged conduct was observed; and
 - (d) The names of the alleged victims.

Reply:

The Plaintiffs reply as follows:

1. **The particulars requested herein are matters of evidence not pleading and are discoverable through a Questioning in this matter** (see: *Prince Albert Co-Operative Assn. Ltd. v. Lyons*, [1984] S.J. No. 110).

2. **The Defendant has better knowledge of the particulars demanded by it** (see: *Prince Albert Co-Operative Assn. Ltd. v. Lyons*, [1984] S.J. No. 110 and *Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce v. Todd*, [1987] S.J. No. 703).

3. **The particulars demanded are not reasonably required by the Defendant in order to plead intelligently** (see: *Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Assn. v. Saskatchewan (Minister of Justice)*, [1994] 9 W.W.R. 293).

4. **The Statement of Claim affords the Defendant sufficient information to enable it to understand “at least in broad strokes what the plaintiff’s case is about”, as is required in a pre-certification application for further particulars** (see:

Wasserman v Saskatchewan (Minister of Highways and Infrastructure), 2022 SKQB 17, [2022] SJ No 34).

DATED at the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 28th day of December, 2023.

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