QBG-SA-00766-2022 Erickson et al. v. JOHNSON et al.

## Appearances by phone:

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and Amanda Quayle for Mile Two Church Inc.

Jennifer Pereira, K.C. for Dawn Beaudry
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Adam R. Touet for Randy Donauer

Scott R. Spencer for Aaron Benneweis and Deidre Benneweis

Jared D. Epp for Kevin MacMillan and Anne MacMillan

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and Justin T. Stevenson for the Government of Saskatchewan

On September 15, 2023, I rendered a decision in which I directed the Registrar to schedule a call with the parties in March of 2024 for the purposes of fixing dates to hear applications for better particulars or setting a timeline for the conduct of the certification application. The parties indicate this morning that 2-3 days should be sufficient for the various motions to be argued.

In October 2023, a consent order was issued setting a timeline for the filing of motions dealing with particulars. That order contemplates in part that:

- (a) Demands for particulars from the defendants or any of them be made by October 31, 2023;
- (b) Responses to demands be delivered by Decembre 31, 2023;
- (c) Motions for further particulars if needed be delivered by February 28, 2024;
- (d) The Plaintiff shall have until April 28, 2024 to serve the defendants with any material upon which they intend to rely; and
- (e) That a call be convened in March 2024 for the purposes of setting dates to hear the defence applications.

Before addressing these issues and in accordance with my endorsement of November 8, 2023, I provided the parties with an update arising from an inadvertent contact I had with one of the proposed representative class plaintiffs in this matter, Ms. Erickson. My child and that of Ms. Erickson are on the same soccer team together. This became known on Friday November 3, 2023 as set out in my fiat of November 8, 2023. I promised counsel on November 8, 2023 that I would update them on any further interactions I have had with Ms. Erickson. I can say that while I have seen Ms. Erickson at soccer games as she has aided as an assistant coach, I have not spoken to her or received communications from her beyond what is posted in the teamlink plus app. used to alert parents and coaches about where games

are, who will be attending and issues relating to the team more generally. The soccer season is now over and I do not envision having any further interactions with Ms. Erickson outside this legal process. I make this disclosure in case any party wishes to apply to the Court seeking that I recuse myself from this matter.

There are now 17 applications from 17 defendants before the Court which will need to be set for determination. Some of the defendants share the same counsel so I have grouped them accordingly, though each defendant has filed their own application:

- (a) Application from John Thuringer filed February 27, 2024;
- (b) Application from the Government of Saskatchewan filed February 29, 2024;
- (c) Application from Joel Hall filed February 29, 2024;
- (d) Application from the Defendants Nathan Rysavy and Lou Brunelle filed February 29, 2024;
- (e) Application from the Defendants Kevin MacMillan and Anne MacMillan filed February 29, 2024;
- (f) Application from the Defendant, Randy Donauer filed February 28, 2024;
- (g) Application from the Defendants Deidre Benneweis and Aaron Benneweis filed February 28, 2024;
- (h) Application from the Defendants Duff Friesen, Ken Schultz, James Randall and Catherine Randall filed February 28, 2024;
- (i) Application from the Defendant, Mile Two Church Inc. filed February 28, 2024;
- (j) Application from the Defendants Simbo Olubobokun and John Olobobokun filed February 28, 2024.

I direct the Registrar to consult with the parties with a view to setting three days for these applications to be heard after April 2024. In the meantime, in the event any party wishes to apply to the Court for an order that I recuse myself from this file in light of the above disclosure, that application shall be filed and served on all counsel before the end of April 2024 so that the issue may be determined before the 17 other applications are argued.

Bardai J.