

October 6, 2022

Dr. Betty Bastien
Chairperson, Board of Governors
Nechi Institute Centre of Indigenous Learning
P.O. Box 2039, Station Main
St. Albert, AB T8N 2G3

Dear Dr. Bastien:

**Subject: Nechi Institute, Centre of Indigenous Learning (the "Nechi Institute")
Lease Termination**

Please be advised that our office is assisting the Minister of Infrastructure (the "**Minister**" or "**Infrastructure**") in relation to the above noted matter.

As you are aware, the lease between the Nechi Institute and the Minister in relation to access to various structures on lands legally identified as:

PLAN 8222793
LOT B
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS
AREA: 20.4 HECTARES (50.41 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

(the "**Infrastructure Lands**")

was terminated on November 15, 2019 with the effective date of March 31, 2020 (the "**Termination**"). We have enclosed a copy of the November 15, 2019 termination letter for your ease of reference.

We understand that the Nechi Institute at some point moved the following additional structures on the Infrastructure Lands, which continue to be used by the Nechi Institute even after the Termination of the Lease described above:

Two trailers;
One Sweat Lodge;
One Work Shop; and
One Sea-Can.

(the "Nechi Structures").

To our knowledge, there is no existing lease or other arrangement to authorize the Nechi Structures remaining on the Infrastructure Lands.

Infrastructure wishes to have the Infrastructure Lands unoccupied so that they may be available for other purposes. As you are aware, Infrastructure has received information that there may be unmarked graves on the Infrastructure Lands that are connected to the Edmonton Industrial School, a part of the residential school system in Alberta. In addition, Infrastructure has concerns about the safety of some of the Nechi Structures and people seeking to access or use them.

In the circumstances, Infrastructure must demand that the Nechi Institute cease using the Nechi Structures on the Infrastructure Lands by **November 7, 2022**. After November 7, 2022, Infrastructure will erect a fence around the Nechi Structures, which will be locked to prevent further access. Please remove any contents from those structures before that date. If you require access to the Nechi Structures or any of their contents after that date, please make prior arrangements by contacting:

Alex Alarcon
Director, North Area
(587) 987-9374
Alex.alarcon@gov.ab.ca

Infrastructure also requires Nechi to remove the Nechi Structures from the Infrastructure Lands as soon as possible. If the Nechi Institute requires assistance, Infrastructure is prepared to move the structures at its own expense to a location that the Nechi Institute specifies within Alberta. Please contact Alex Alarcon no later than **December 7, 2022** to advise whether the Nechi Institute requires such assistance, and if so, where the Nechi Structures should be moved. Also, please advise if there are any specific requirements or concerns that Infrastructure should be aware of with regard to disassembly or transport of the Nechi Structures, including, but not limited to the trailers and the Sweat Lodge.

If the Nechi Institute does not move the Nechi Structures, or provide Infrastructure with an alternate location for them by December 7, 2022, it will be necessary for Infrastructure to take steps to move the Nechi Structures to an alternate location pursuant to the *Crown Property Regulation*, Alta Reg 239/2003. Such steps include, but are not limited to, obtaining an Order of the Court to facilitate the removal of the Nechi Structures from the Infrastructure Lands.

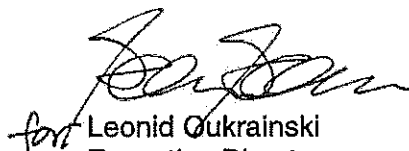
In summary, Infrastructure can no longer allow the Nechi Institute to access the Nechi Structures on the Infrastructure Lands after November 7, 2022 without making prior arrangements with Alex Alarcon. Infrastructure further requires the Nechi Institute to remove the Nechi Structures from the Infrastructure Lands or provide a location where they may be moved by Infrastructure by no later than December 7, 2022.

Anyone accessing the Nechi Structures after November 7, 2022 without Infrastructure's authorization will be considered a trespasser.

We look forward to hearing from the Nechi Institute as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Alex Alarcon or this office.

Regards,


for Leonid Oukrainski
Executive Director
Properties Division

cc: Dale Beesley
Alex Alarcon
Doreen Mueller
Natasha Sutherland

November 15, 2019

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REGISTERED MAIL

Nechi Institute: Centre For Indigenous Learning
PO Box 2039 Station Main
St. Albert, AB T8N 2G3

Dear Marilyn Buffalo, Chief Executive Officer:

RE: Sturgeon County Poundmaker Nechi Centre
25108 Poundmaker Road - Lease Termination - Our File: R0724AC03-2

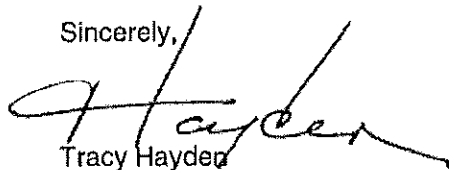
Further to our conversation on the above noted property, Alberta Health is proceeding with an initiative to expand program delivery by Poundmaker's Lodge Treatment Centres at the Poundmaker Nechi Centre located at 25108 Poundmaker Road.

The expansion of services will require the entirety of the Poundmaker Nechi Centre, including the space currently utilized by Nechi. In recognition of this requirement, Infrastructure assessed the potential for replacement space but nothing currently exists.

In accordance with the Lease, the Landlord hereby notifies the Tenant that the Lease is terminated effective March 31, 2020 to accommodate the expansion of services being provided by Poundmaker's Lodge Treatment Centre. Please vacate the Premises on or before this date in accordance with the terms of the Lease.

Please ensure you have arranged a walkthrough of the Premises and key turnover with Darcy Witts, Facilities Manager, reachable at (780) 418-4751. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the termination, please contact Heather Ash, Manager of Receivable Leasing, of this office at (780) 910-3162. Heather can also help facilitate any discussions with any other Ministries who may have further advice to support you in your pursuit of potential replacement space.

Sincerely,



Tracy Hayden
Executive Director

cc: Darcy Witts, Facilities Manager
Heather Ash, Manager, Receivable Leasing
Sian Winter, Receivables Lease Controller
Wayne Widuk, Planning Manager