



The Honourable Judith C. Beaman,
Commissioner



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Commissaire

December 5, 2017

Chief Joanne Rogers
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
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Dear Chief Rogers:

You may recall that on November 25, 2016, Marian Jacko, Indigenous Counsel to the Motherisk Commission wrote to you requesting your assistance in the posting and distribution of outreach materials prepared by the Commission. Our objective was to inform as many individuals and communities as possible about the background for the establishment of the Motherisk Commission and to provide information about the services available to them through the Commission.

You may wish to visit our website at www.MotheriskCommission.ca to learn more about what has transpired since our creation on January 15, 2016. This should answer any questions that you may have about the services we provide to those affected by the flawed hair testing conducted by the Motherisk Laboratory at the Hospital for Sick Children. In the past, these hair test results were used in court against parents involved with the child welfare system.

I write to inform you that the mandate for the Motherisk Commission expires on January 15, 2018. If you are aware of anyone in your community who had their hair tested by the Motherisk Laboratory who may need more information or assistance, please encourage them to get in touch with us before that date. Please have them direct their inquiry to Martha.chamberlain@motheriskcommission.ca, by phone at 416-212-0669 or toll free at 1-844-303-5476.

I will be delivering my final report on the impact to families brought about by the failure of the laboratory to the Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, on January 15, 2018.

As the Commission will be closing its doors, I would kindly request that you advise your community members to remove and discard the materials that we sent to you by December 31, 2017.

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I would like to extend my deepest thanks to you and your community for your assistance in raising awareness of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Judith C. Beaman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Judith C. Beaman
Commissioner