

KISGEGA'AS SIMGIIGYET
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RE: Kisgega'as

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We thank you for holding a meeting with our Simgiigyet last Friday, March 13, 2009. We understand that you will review the archives before providing your band council's position on our requests to you.


We were disappointed that you unilaterally limited the Kisgega'as Simgiigyet to only six hereditary chiefs that could attend this meeting. As you know our numbers are higher than that. Unfortunately you have taken the position of the government of Canada by disrespecting the balance of the Simgiigyet that are entitled to present their views to you in a meeting like this.

We remind you that at the time (1948) the Kisgega'as was placed with the Gitanmaax Band, it was unlawful for the Simgiigyet to gather and meet about land. As well it was unlawful for the Simgiigyet to hire a lawyer. These activities were made unlawful by the Criminal Code of Canada until these racist provisions were amended in 1951. Thus your actions are an apparent continuation of the racist policies of the Canadian government which are no longer the law.


The government did not consult with us, nor did they accommodate any of our interests at that time. Please abide by our requests.

Yours Sincerely


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 Miliulak, Alice Jeffrey


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 Wii Minosik, Larry Skulsh


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