



Supplementary Decision on Standing (No. 5)

1. On October 31, 2022 the Commission received an application for standing and funding from Arthur L. Jefford. This decision explains why I have decided to dismiss it.

The Application

2. Mr. Jefford describes himself as “Sr Elder Hereditary Grand Chief Art” associated with the “Anishinabec Saultreau Metis Indigenous Nation ASMIN”.

3. In the application, Mr. Jefford asks me to “appoint an Anishinabek co-commissioner” to preside over this Inquiry, among other things. He also seeks standing.

Decision

4. I would dismiss this application.

5. I do not have the jurisdiction to appoint a co-Commissioner. The appointment of Commissioners under the *Inquiries Act* rests with the Governor in Council.

6. As for seeking party status, the submissions provided by Mr. Jefford do not demonstrate that he has a substantial and direct interest in the subject matter of the inquiry, nor that he would make a necessary contribution.

7. The Application also does not provide an explanation for why it was filed late. Given that the proceedings are now well underway, this is another basis on which I would dismiss this Application.

Signed

The Honourable Paul S. Rouleau
Commissioner

November 9, 2022