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Dear Sixties Scoop Survivors,

We are reaching out to provide you with important information regarding the process for applying for an Advance Payment from the Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund.

This Fund is designed to offer immediate financial relief to eligible Sixties Scoop Survivors while awaiting compensation from a settlement or judgment related to the class action suit led by Shannon Varley and Sandra Lukowich (“*Varley class action*”).

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Advance Payment, you must be a living Sixties Scoop Survivor who is a Red River Métis Citizen, meaning you have or are in the process of receiving a valid MMF Citizenship Card. The Advance Payment is a \$5,000.00 payment provided to those Red River Métis Citizens who were removed from their homes in Canada between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1991 and who were placed in the care of non-Indigenous foster or adoptive parents.

Application Process

1. **Complete the Application:** Fill out the Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund Application & Agreement. This includes providing your personal information, details of your adoption or wardship, and your valid MMF Citizenship card.
2. **Submit Required Documents:** Ensure you attach all necessary documents, such as legal name change certificates if applicable, and any documents relating to your adoption or wardship.
3. **Consent and Authorization:** You will need to consent to the MMF arranging for your provincial records to be checked to support your claim and authorize the use of your personal information for processing your application.
4. **Sign the Agreement:** By signing the Application & Agreement, you agree to be bound by the information set out in the Application & Agreement and the Fund Distribution Principles. Make sure to review the Fund Distribution Principles before signing.
5. **Submit the Application:** You can submit your completed application by email to info.ssrs@mmf.mb.ca or by mail to the Sixties Scoop and Residential School Department at the address provided in the Application.

Important Considerations

1. **Repayment Obligation:** If you become entitled to receive compensation from the *Varley* class action or any other Sixties Scoop legal proceeding, you agree to repay the \$5,000.00 Advance Payment to the MMF.

2. **Dispute Resolution:** Any disputes regarding eligibility for an Advance Payment will be referred to the Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Review Board, whose decision will be final.
3. **Special Circumstances:** In cases of mental or physical incapacity, a legal power of attorney or court-appointed guardian may sign the required documents and receive the payment on your behalf.

We hope this information helps guide you through the application process. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Sixties Scoop and Day School Department at 1-877-595-2194 or by email at info.ssrs@mmf.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

Sixties Scoop and Residential School Department



Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund Distribution Principles

The *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund* is an initiative of the Manitoba Métis Federation (“MMF”), the National Government of the Red River Métis. It is funded by the MMF and is intended to provide some tax free compensation now to Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivors who may ultimately receive compensation through legal proceedings, including those currently before the courts. This initiative is not intended to affect the legal rights of the Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivors to benefit from these legal proceedings, nor to affect the claims for collective harms advanced by the MMF against the Federal Crown.

1. Definitions

- a) **Administrator** – Entity responsible to administer the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund* (the “Fund”), in this case, the Manitoba Métis Federation (“MMF”).
- b) **Agreement** – The *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund Application & Agreement* between the MMF and a successful claimant governing the payment of funds from the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund*.
- c) **Sixties Scoop Survivor** – A Red River Métis Citizen who was removed from their home in Canada between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1991 and who was placed in the care of non-Indigenous foster or adoptive parents. The MMF will determine a policy for cases which include a removal due to a voluntary placement of the Citizen and will advise the Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Review Board of such policy.
- d) **Advance Payment** – A \$5,000.00 payment from the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund* which is an advance payment made to an eligible Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivor who may be a class member in the class action led by Shannon Varley and Sandra Lukowich (the “Varley class action”). It offers immediate financial relief to a Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivor while awaiting a settlement between the Government of Canada and the *Varley* class action, or a judgment through litigation. In the event that a Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivor who receives an advance payment, or their estate, does not receive any compensation through the *Varley* class action, or any other Sixties Scoop legal proceeding, the advance payment will not be repayable to the MMF. If, however, a Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivor who receives an advance payment, or their estate, receive compensation through the *Varley* class action, or any other Sixties Scoop legal proceeding, the advance payment is repayable, without interest, to the MMF.
- e) **Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Review Board** – The Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Review Board is established by the MMF to adjudicate disputes regarding eligibility for an Advance Payment. It is responsible for disputes and decisions as described in Section 5. Dispute Resolution. The Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Review Board may also authorize an Advance



Payment in cases where exceptional hardship would result from a strict application of these Distribution Principles and may develop a policy to deal with such cases. In such cases written reasons for authorizing or denying the Advance Payment will be issued by the Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Review Board.

- f) **Required Documents** – Documents necessary to process payment from the Fund, including the Application and Agreement, acknowledgment of eligibility, statutory declarations, and release forms.

2. Eligibility for Recognition Payment

- a) **Sixties Scoop Survivor** – Each living Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivor who has or is in the process of receiving a valid MMF Citizenship Card, is eligible to apply for an Advance Payment of \$5,000.00.

3. Limitations and Exceptions

- a) A deceased Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivor is not eligible for an Advance Payment.
- b) A spouse, partner, child, and grandchild of a deceased Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivor are not eligible for an Advance Payment.
- c) A person's failure to sign or otherwise adopt the necessary documents will result in the individual not being eligible for an Advance Payment.
- d) The Fund will provide up to 400 Advance Payments of \$5,000.00 each to eligible Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivors and will not exceed \$2,000,000.00.
- e) Applications for an Advance Payment must be received during the two year period starting when the initiative is announced open to accept them. Applications received after the two year period will not be processed.

4. Handling Special Circumstances

- a) **Mental Infirmary** – If a Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Survivor cannot manage their affairs due to mental or physical incapacity, a legal power of attorney or court appointed guardian may sign the Required Documents and receive the Advance Payment on their behalf.

5. Dispute Resolution

- a) Disputes regarding eligibility for an Advance Payment or in the case of alleged undue hardship as noted in 1(e) will be referred to the Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Review Board for review. The Review Board may establish rules of procedure. The Review Board's decision will be final.



Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund Application & Agreement

This is an application and agreement to obtain an individual Advance Payment from the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund*. Please read the Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund Distribution Principles before completing this document.

The Manitoba Métis Federation (“MMF”) is providing an Advance Payment through the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund* in anticipation of a future settlement or judgment that provides a payment to you as a Sixties Scoop Survivor as outlined in the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund Distribution Principles*. If you become entitled to receive compensation as a class member of the *Varley* class action, or any other Sixties Scoop legal proceeding, you agree to and will be required to repay the \$5,000.00 distributed as an Advance Payment to the MMF from such compensation.

The Advance Payment is paid to a Red River Métis Citizen who was removed from their home in Canada between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1991 and who was placed in the care of non-Indigenous foster or adoptive parents.

If this describes you, please read and complete this Application and Agreement. You must then submit it to the MMF, Sixties Scoop and Residential School Department at either of the following:

- a) by email: info.ssrs@mmf.mb.ca
- b) by mail to:
Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund
c/o Sixties Scoop and Residential School Department
200 Main Street, 5th Floor
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A8

For assistance with completing this Application and Agreement you can contact the MMF Sixties Scoop and Day School Department at 1-877-595-2194 or by email at info.ssrs@mmf.mb.ca.

1. Full Name:

- First Name: _____
- Middle Name: _____
- Last Name: _____

2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____



3. Do you have or are you in the process of obtaining a valid MMF Citizenship card?

- Yes
- No

If yes, provide Citizenship number: _____

4. Were you adopted?

- Yes
- No

If yes, when and where were you adopted? _____

If adopted more than once, please provide details of additional adoptions.

5. Were you placed in foster care for any period of time?

- Yes
- No

If yes, when and where were you in foster care? _____

6. Were you made a permanent ward?

- Yes
- No

If yes, when and where were you made a permanent ward? _____

7. Were you placed with non-Indigenous adoptive parents or foster parents?

- Yes
- No

If yes, for what years? _____

8. Do you have any documents relating to your adoption, foster care, or wardship?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide copies (do not send originals). _____

Consent and Authorization:

1. I consent to the Administrator, the MMF, arranging for my provincial records to be checked to support my claim and to receive copies of such records.

- Signature: _____
- Witness Signature: _____
- Date (mm/dd/yy): _____



2. I authorize the use of my personal information for the purpose of processing my application.
- Signature: _____
 - Witness Signature: _____
 - Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Contact Information:

Your current address:

- Street: _____
- City: _____
- Province: _____
- Postal Code: _____
- Country: _____
- Daytime Phone: _____
- Cellular Telephone: _____
- Email Address: _____

Additional Information:

1. Have you ever used any other names or legally changed your name?

- Yes
- No

- If yes, please list them and attach copies of legal name change certificates.

2. [Optional] Would you like to share your story?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide your personal story in the space provided or on additional pages.

3. [Optional] Would you like the MMF to document your story?

- Yes
- No

- If yes, would you like your name to be attached to your story?

- Yes, use my first and last name.
- Yes, use only my first name.



- No, do not use my name.

4. [Optional] Would you like to receive information from the Sixties Scoop and Residential School Department not related to an Advance Payment?

- Yes
- No

Certification:

I certify that the information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

- Signature: _____
- Witness Signature: _____
- Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

I certify that I have not received payment from another Sixties Scoop claim or settlement agreement related to the Sixties Scoop.

- Signature: _____
- Witness Signature: _____
- Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Agreement:

I agree that I will repay the Advance Payment amount of \$5000.00 received through the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund* to the MMF if I become eligible to receive payment from the Varley class action or any other Sixties Scoop legal proceeding. I agree that I will advise the MMF within 14 days of becoming aware that I have become eligible to receive such payment and will sign any documents to arrange for repayment of the Advance Payment as may be requested by the MMF.

- Signature: _____
- Witness Signature: _____
- Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

I agree to be bound by the information set out in this application and the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund Distribution Principles*.

- Signature: _____
- Witness Signature: _____
- Date (mm/dd/yy): _____



I acknowledge that before submitting this Application, I received a copy of the *Red River Métis Sixties Scoop Bridge to Justice Fund Distribution Principles*.

In order to locate information on an individual, as much identifying information as possible would be helpful. (If you're unsure if you were adopted or a ward please complete both section A and B)

SECTION A - IF YOU WERE ADOPTED PLEASE INCLUDE:

CURRENT NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

ADOPTIVE NAME: _____

NAME OF ADOPTIVE MOTHER: _____

NAME OF ADOPTIVE FATHER: _____

NAME AT BIRTH (if known): _____

BIRTH MOTHER'S NAME (if known): _____

BIRTH FATHER'S NAME (if known): _____

SECTION B - IF YOU WERE A WARD OF A CHILD WELFARE AGENCY (AND NOT ADOPTED):

NAME (Current and all former names; please include middle name): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

FORMER ADDRESS OR COMMUNITY WHERE YOU RESIDED AT THE TIME YOU CAME INTO CARE:

NAME OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY (If known): _____

NAME OF MOTHER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF FATHER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH OF SIBLINGS:

SIBLING #1 NAME AND DOB: _____

SIBLING #2 NAME AND DOB: _____

SIBLING #3 NAME AND DOB: _____