



# METIS SETTLEMENTS APPEAL TRIBUNAL



Tribunal members, Dorothy Anderson and Thelma Chalifoux (circa 2009)

# 2010 Annual Report

## **Report**

211(1) On or before March 31 in each year, the Appeal Tribunal must give to the Minister and the General Council a report for the year ending on the preceding December 31, showing

- (a) the nature of its activities
- (b) the general manner in which it dealt with matters coming before it;
- (c) any other matter that the Minister directs.

(2) The Minister must table the Appeal Tribunal's report in the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

*[Metis Settlements Act, R.S.A. 2000]*

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## A message from the Chair

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As set out in the Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal's Business Plan for 2010 – 2013, the Appeal Tribunal set out three key objectives for 2010.

Our first objective was to be a *top performer* and resolve all disputes before it in a timely, cost-effective, fair and independent manner—and in a manner that preserves and enhances Metis culture and identity and furthers the attainment of self-governance by the Metis Settlements under the laws of Alberta. The second objective was to be *accessible* to all stakeholders. Our third objective was to ensure our operations are *transparent* and that the Appeal Tribunal continues to meet all applicable standards of oversight and accountability.



Though each objective really speaks to ongoing processes and commitments, I am pleased to highlight the following key outcomes from 2010:

- The Appeal Tribunal continued its *top performance* by adjudicating and mediating across a wide range of matters, including dealing with disputes on membership, conflict of interest, land allocations, and descent of property matters and by reducing its caseload of outstanding appeals from 29 at the beginning of the year to 18 at the end of the year;
- The Appeal Tribunal retained a respected expert to audit its information systems to ensure full compliance with FOIP;
- The Appeal Tribunal worked with the Metis Settlements General Council and Government of Alberta to improve its *transparency* by clarifying key roles and responsibilities through the execution of a *Mandate and Roles Document*.

That the Appeal Tribunal achieved its objectives in 2010 is due to the work of its staff and because of the wise insights and total commitment of the Tribunal members who served from 2006 through 2010. They have our thanks and our promise to continue the work of the Tribunal in the spirit of respect, care, and commitment to building strong, vibrant Metis communities envisioned through the *Alberta-Metis Settlements Accord*.

*Don Cunningham*

Chair, Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal

## Who we are

The Appeal Tribunal consists of seven members (the Board). Three were appointed by the Metis Settlements General Council and three were appointed by the Minister of Alberta Aboriginal Relations. The Chair was appointed by the Minister from a short list of candidates provided by General Council. The members were appointed to a four year term, which expired in December 2010.

A new Board (which includes three returning members) was appointed in December 2010. Whatever its membership, Board members are committed to exercising their powers and duties with a view to preserving and enhancing Metis culture and identity and furthering the attainment of self-governance by Metis Settlements under the laws of Alberta.

The Appeal Tribunal also has a staff of seven people. Our staff and Tribunal members work together to ensure the Tribunal's investigations, hearings, and mediation processes are run in a consistent, fair, and culturally appropriate manner.



**Appeal Tribunal Board to December 2010**  
Back, L to R: Allan Lamouche, Stan Delorme<sup>1</sup>, Don Cunningham, Trevor Gladue Front, L to R: Dorothy Anderson, Thelma Chalifoux, Violet Haggerty



**Appeal Tribunal Board to December 2014**  
Back, L to R: David Drummond, Don Cunningham, Peter Bowal Front, L to R: Wayne Cardinal, Dorothy Anderson, Joyce Parenteau and Allan Lamouche

## Our vision

Our vision of the future is one of viable, vibrant, Metis Settlements with access by all members and stakeholders to fair and effective dispute resolution systems that preserve and enhance Metis culture and identity.

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<sup>1</sup> Stan Delorme resigned as Chair effective August 31, 2010.

## The nature and manner of our work in 2010 (What we did in 2010 & how we did it)

### Objectives, strategies, performance measures and outcomes

#### Objective 1: Top Performance

The Appeal Tribunal's first objective for 2010 was to be a top performer and resolve all disputes in a timely, cost-effective, fair and independent manner—while preserving and enhancing Metis culture and identity and furthering the attainment of self-governance by the Metis Settlements under the laws of Alberta. The Appeal Tribunal identified three key strategies to achieve its objective of top performance, including:

- employing community-based approaches to promote conciliation and mediation of disputes;
- refining its *Rules of Procedure* to enhance efficiencies while respecting Metis culture and identity, and
- continuing to evaluate and improve the core competencies of Board members and staff to resolve disputes.

In real terms, employing community-based approaches meant having the Appeal Tribunal's Dispute Resolution/Investigation Officers meet one-on-one with disputants in the Settlements, or

| Contact Reports               |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Year                          | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Membership                    | 10   | 54   | 69   | 65   |
| Land Disputes                 | 54   | 276  | 509  | 287  |
| Surface Access / Compensation | 350  | 402  | 253  | 99   |
| Descent of Property           | --   | --   | --   | 144  |
| Court of Appeal               |      |      |      | 22   |
| ELLAP                         | --   | --   | 32   |      |
| Conflict of Interest          | --   | 7    | 29   | 6    |
| Mediation                     | --   | 8    | 28   | 52   |
| Outreach                      | --   | 156  | 84   | 53   |
| Administration / Finance      | --   | --   | 238  | 682  |
| Other                         | 15   | 135  | 154  | 74   |
| Totals                        | 429  | 1038 | 1396 | 1484 |

**Table 1.1**

in their boardrooms in Edmonton or Calgary to “ground-truth” the issues and laws in dispute and to identify new approaches to resolving their dispute, including facilitated dialogue or mediation.

As seen in Table 1.1 (*left*), Dispute Resolution/Investigation Officers dialogued with Settlement members and other stakeholders across a range of topics. Setting aside discussions concerning the running of the Appeal Tribunal (administration/accountability), most of the dialogue focussed on land issues (i.e. allocation of land, compensation, descent of property). This is followed by questions on membership and questions about mediation and the Appeal Tribunal's community outreach initiatives.

By actively dialoguing with Settlement members and other stakeholders, all parties to a dispute are better informed about the legal questions to be addressed, better aware of the law(s) that applies to their matter, and empowered to engage in dialogue with other parties to resolve their dispute. Indeed, this approach is yielding such good success that as seen in Table 1.2 (right), more disputes are effectively conciliated and mediated at the community level (18 cases in total) than have to be heard and decided (14 decisions in total) by the Appeal Tribunal.

In essence, the Appeal Tribunal is meeting its key performance measure of routinely resolving disputes without having to go to a hearing.

The second strategy for ensuring top performance meant amending the Appeal Tribunal's *Rules of Procedure* to improve the way it deals with appeals that are filed well after the appeal deadline. As amended, when the deadline for filing an appeal is in issue, the Appeal Tribunal Panel responsible for deciding the matter can now decide the matter based on the facts set out in Appellant's application/appeal form in combination with the report of the Dispute Resolution/Investigation Officer that

provides additional background information gleaned from meeting with the Appellant and others involved in the dispute. To ensure overall fairness, the Panel retains the authority and discretion to conduct an in-person hearing with the Appellant and other parties before deciding the matter.

While the Appeal Tribunal has not yet applied the option of deciding an Appellant's right of appeal based solely on a reading of the appeal form and report of the Dispute Resolution/Investigation Officer, it remains a valuable tool in the Tribunal's kit for deciding disputes in a timely and fair fashion.

The Appeal Tribunal's third strategy to ensure top performance was to evaluate its own strengths and weaknesses and to apply its resources to areas of need. In this regard, Tribunal members and staff participated in a confidential self-evaluation exercise that included ranking their own capacities to meet their respective duties and to rank the supports given to them to fulfill their duties.

The evaluation showed a high level of satisfaction in the administrative and adjudicative supports made available to Tribunal members. It also showed that Tribunal members and staff wanted to

| <b>Appeals resolved without going to a hearing</b> |             |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Year</b>  | <b>2007</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010</b> |
| <b>Membership</b>                                  |             |             |             |             |
| Conciliation                                       |             | 1           |             | 3           |
| Withdrawn  |             |             |             |             |
| Closed   | 2           |             | 1           | 1           |
| <b>Land Disputes</b>                               |             |             |             |             |
| Conciliation                                       | 1           | 1           | 3           | 5           |
| Withdrawn  | 1           |             | 3           | 3           |
| Closed   | 5           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| <b>Surface Access / Compensation</b>               |             |             |             |             |
| Conciliation                                       |             | 2           | 5           | 1           |
| Withdrawn  | 1           | 2           | 5           | 2           |
| Closed   | 1           | 2           |             |             |
| <b>Descent of Property</b>                         |             |             |             |             |
| Conciliation                                       |             |             |             |             |
| Mediation  |             |             |             | 1           |
| Withdrawn  |             |             |             |             |
| Closed   |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Other</b>                                       |             |             |             |             |
| Conciliation                                       |             |             |             |             |
| Withdrawn  |             |             |             |             |
| Closed   | 1           | 1           |             | 1           |
| <b>Total Conciliated / Withdrawn / Closed</b>      | <b>12</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>18</b>   |

**Table 1.2**

apply additional resources to build the Tribunal’s mediation capacities and to strengthen its outreach initiatives. As a result, resources were allocated to allow Tribunal members and staff to increase their access to mediation courses and other courses on effective communication. It is anticipated that some staff and members will shortly be in a position to receive important certificates of accreditation from the *Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society* and that others from the Tribunal will begin or continue building their capacities in this and other areas of import to the Tribunal and its stakeholders.

Taken together, the Tribunal’s objective, strategies, and performance measures are intended to lead to the outcome of decisions and mediated agreements that enhance the *knowledge* of Settlement members and stakeholders of the laws, culture, and identity that shape the Metis Settlement’s self-governance framework under the *Alberta-Metis Settlements Accord*. To this end, 2010 has seen the Appeal Tribunal lend clarity to the following aspects of self-governance:

- The Appeal Tribunal has the authority to determine whether a councillor has a *financial interest* in a matter before Council, but unless all the parties agree in writing for it to act, the Tribunal does not have authority to determine whether *conflict of interest* rules have been followed or breached [see Orders 209 & 215];
- The severance of sections 75 and 90 from the *Metis Settlements Act* [RSA 2000] does not disentitle Registered Indians from applying for membership on a Metis Settlement providing the remaining sections in Part 3, Division 1 of the Act are met [see Orders 211 & 221];
- Descent of property issues can be brought to the Appeal Tribunal by Settlement Council, or by other affected parties [see Order 218]; and
- Proving that one has a valid right of appeal depends greatly on meeting appeal deadlines, and extensions of the deadlines will only be granted in special circumstances [see Orders 210, 217 and 220].

As set out in table 1.3 (*right*), the majority of Appeal Tribunal decisions involved land disputes. Many of these disputes had one thing in common. Namely, members, Land Clerk Offices and others are not abiding by the regulatory framework for properly transferring, registering or recording their interests in Settlement lands. This is not the fault of the Metis Settlements Land Registry. It is there to receive and document land transactions and does not currently enjoy the mandate

| Decisions  |          |           |           |           |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Year   | 2007     | 2008      | 2009      | 2010      |
| Membership   |          | 1         | 2         | 2         |
| Land Disputes  | 2        | 6         | 6         | 8         |
| Descent of Property                                  |          | 1         | 1         | 2         |
| Surface Access / Compensation                        | 3        | 6         | 2         | --        |
| Timber   |          |           | 1         | --        |
| Trespass   | 1        | 1         |           | --        |
| Conflict of Interest                                 |          | --        | --        | 2         |
| Other  |          |           |           |           |
| <b>Total Decisions</b>                               | <b>6</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>14</b> |
| Land Access Panel - LAP Orders                       |          |           |           |           |
| Amendments to Right of Entry and Compensation Orders | 16       | 44        | 147       | 75        |
| <b>Table 1.3</b>                                     |          |           |           |           |



or resources to educate members and others about the rules for securing their interests in Settlement lands. However, given that land disputes continue to form the bulk of the disputes before the Appeal Tribunal, there is clearly a continuing need for the Metis Settlements General Council and Government of Alberta to consider new ways and means of enhancing the capacity of Settlement members, Land Clerk Offices, and others to properly deal with land matters.

As further set out in Table 1.3, the Appeal Tribunal continues to process amendments to right of entry orders and compensation orders as they are received. With the general downturn in the economy in 2010, it is not surprising to see that the requests for amending orders tapered off from the previous year.

### ***Objective 2: Increased Presence***

The Appeal Tribunal's second objective is to be a positive presence and to be accessible to all stakeholders. This meant developing and implementing strategies that would show stakeholders the Appeal Tribunal could be trusted with their information; that the Appeal Tribunal knows how to effectively communicate with Settlement members and CEO's alike; and that the Tribunal work with the Government of Alberta to move its offices to a location that is easier for members and others to access.

The Appeal Tribunal retained a respected expert (Mr. Andrew Simms, Q.C.) to review its information gathering and usage systems and to provide a report on whether its systems comply with the standards set out in the Alberta Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIP) and to make recommendations to strengthen the Tribunal's information gathering and usage systems. Mr. Simms' completed his review and report in March 2010 and found that the Tribunal's information gathering and usage systems complied with all FOIP standards. Like any system, though, there is always room for improvement and where Mr. Simms identified the ways and means of improving the Appeal Tribunal's information systems, those recommendations were implemented.

The Appeal Tribunal was very pleased to attend community workshops in Kikino, and Buffalo Lake Metis Settlements and was also pleased to make presentations at the University of Alberta School of Native Studies about the Tribunal's mandate, history, and approaches to its work. In addition to going out to Settlement communities and other venues when requested, the Appeal Tribunal was pleased to coordinate a user-pay golf tournament for Settlement members and stakeholders in August 2010. The tournament brought stakeholders out from all the Settlements as well as businesses people who work with the Settlements and encouraged all participants to get to know each other in a fun and relaxed setting.

The Appeal Tribunal continued to explore new ways to improve its website, including reformatting it to make it easier to read and access. The Tribunal is also continuing to explore ways to set up a Facebook page that will enable a greater range of stakeholders to access its services and to keep track of the Tribunal's work.

The Appeal Tribunal also continued using plain language principles to make its decisions and other materials easy to read and understand. Every letter, mediation and hearing package, and decision is actively proofread and edited before being released. Of course, there is always room

for improvement, and staff and Tribunal members will continue to look for new and improved ways to communicate in a simple and straight-forward manner.

The Appeal Tribunal also continued to actively dialogue with the Government of Alberta to identify a suitable new location for its offices in Edmonton that is more accessible to its stakeholders.

| <b>New Appeals</b>                   |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Year</b>                          | <b>2007</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010</b> |
| <b>Membership</b>                    | 3           | 4           | 5           | 4           |
| <b>Land Disputes</b>                 | 11          | 10          | 18          | 10          |
| <b>Surface Access / Compensation</b> | 6           | 13          | 6           | 4           |
| <b>Descent of Property</b>           | 1           |             | 1           | 4           |
| <b>ELLAP</b>                         |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Conflict of Interest</b>          |             | 1           |             |             |
| <b>Trespass</b>                      |             |             | 1           |             |
| <b>Other</b>                         | 1           | 1           | 1           |             |
| <b>Totals</b>                        | <b>22</b>   | <b>29</b>   | <b>32</b>   | <b>22</b>   |

**Table 1.4**

As set out in Table 1.4 (*left*), the Appeal Tribunal received ten fewer appeals in 2010. The Appeal Tribunal will continue to monitor the number of appeals it receives and dialogue with stakeholders as necessary to determine the reasons for the reduction in 2010. Initial explanations for the reduction include increased awareness amongst stakeholders that appeal deadlines will only be extended in special circumstances, or that improved community –based conciliation and mediation systems are reducing the need to file a formal appeal before positive action is taken.

On the *upside*, the Appeal Tribunal continued to productively deal with the Appeals it did receive and the reduction in appeals received allowed the Appeal Tribunal to reduce its stock of outstanding appeals from 29 at the beginning of 2010 to 18 at year’s end. Finally, and most importantly, despite the reduction in appeals, the Appeal Tribunal is satisfied that the Government of Alberta and Metis Settlements General Council appreciate that as new laws and self-governance frameworks are contemplated in relation to the Metis Settlements, the Appeal Tribunal should generally be considered as the dispute resolution entity of first choice.

**Objective 3: Transparency**

The Appeal Tribunal’s third objective for 2010 was to continue administering its resources in an accountable and transparent manner. This meant meeting all management and reporting requirements expected of publically funded institutions, including oversight of all expenditures in compliance with provincial statutes and departmental practice directives, issuance of quarterly forecasts and expenditure reports, and oversight and support of employees in line with the Public Service Act and other legislation.

Increasing the Appeal Tribunal’s transparency also meant working with the Metis Settlements General Council and the Government of Alberta to finalize a new *Mandate and Roles Document* (MRD) in July 2010. The MRD clarifies key roles and responsibilities relating to the Appeal Tribunal, including calling for the development of a cooperative framework for appointing Tribunal members, affirming the Appeal Tribunal’s Code of Conduct, developing competency and (self) evaluation frameworks, and committing the parties to a joint review of the Appeal

Tribunal’s mandate and place in the Metis Settlements’ self-governance framework once every seven years.

The Tribunal’s adherence to legislated management and reporting standards, and its leadership in clarifying key roles and responsibilities through its facilitation and finalization of the MRD, has allowed it to maintain its valued reputation as a key public institution that is accountable and transparent.

### **Fiscal responsibility**

The Appeal Tribunal continues to utilize and adhere to current government standards and practices in managing its finances, general administration, planning, reporting, and human resources.

The Appeal Tribunal reports its activities on a calendar year basis, from January 1 to December 31. However, its financial reporting period follows the provincial government fiscal year from April of the preceding year (2009) to March of the current year otherwise reported on (2010).

The table below compares Tribunal expenditures for 2009/2010 with those of 2008/2009.

|                            | <b>2009/2010</b>          |                           | <b>2008/2009</b>          |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | Authorized Budget         | Actual Expenditure        | Authorized Budget         | Actual Expenditure        |
| Manpower                   | \$ 619,000                | \$ 588,118                | \$ 603,050                | \$ 558,949                |
| Supplies & Services        | <u>\$ 473,000</u>         | <u>\$ 478,674</u>         | <u>\$ 471,950</u>         | \$ 549,658                |
| Asset Purchase             |                           |                           |                           | <u>\$ 7,920</u>           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b><u>\$1,092,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$1,066,792</u></b> | <b><u>\$1,075,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$1,116,527</u></b> |
| Unexpended (Over-expended) |                           | 25,208                    |                           | (41,527)                  |

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**ORDERS ISSUED – January 2010 to December 2010**

- **Order 221 Membership Dispute**  
Between: Candace Hiscock, Appellant  
Roger Hiscock, Appellant, and  
Fishing Lake Metis Settlement,  
Metis Settlements General Council, Respondents, and  
Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Party  
Finding: The Metis Settlements General Council moratorium on membership applications is invalid. The Appellants may re-apply for membership and should ensure that they address all the membership/application criteria (sans sections 75 and 90) set out in Part 3, Division 1 of the MSA.
- **Order 220 Land Dispute**  
Between: Pearl Andrews, Appellant, and  
East Prairie Metis Settlement, Respondent, and  
Metis Settlements General Council,  
Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Parties  
Finding: The Appellant right of appeal expired because she missed the appeal deadline and there were no special circumstances present to justify extending the appeal deadline.
- **Order 219 Land Dispute**  
Between: Heather Jackson, Appellant, and  
Irene Zimmer, Elizabeth Metis Settlement, Respondents, and  
Zane Zimmer, Metis Settlements General Council, and  
Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Parties  
Finding: The Appellant met the conditions set out in section 5.2 of the *Metis Settlements Land Policy* (GC-9201) for Metis Title and the Tribunal ordered that the Appellant's Metis Title interest be registered in the Metis Settlements Land Registry. The Claimant's request for compensation for damage to a blueberry patch was denied because the patch is for community use and not personal use.
- **Order 218 Land Dispute**  
Between: Kyla Kirby, Appellant, and  
Kikino Metis Settlement, Respondent, and  
John Ritchie, Rachael Belcourt,  
Metis Settlements General Council,  
Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Parties  
Finding: The makers of the *Metis Settlements General Council Land Policy* (GC-9201) did not restrict rights of appeal on descent of property issues to just the local Settlement Council. Affected parties may also appeal or refer descent of property issues to the Appeal Tribunal under section 8 of the Land Policy. Though she had a right of appeal, the Appellant did not prove that she was the "deceased's spouse" as defined in the Land Policy.

- **Order 217 Land Dispute**  
 Between: Beverly Parke, Appellant, and Peavine Metis Settlement, Audrey Goudreau, Respondents, and Charles Carifelle, Metis Settlements General Council, Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Parties  
 Finding: The Appellant's right of appeal expired because she missed the appeal deadline and there were no special circumstances present to justify extending the appeal deadline.
- **Order 216 Descent of Property**  
 Between: Ed Parenteau, Appellant, and Tom Parenteau, Leo Parenteau, Respondents, and Ernestine Ridsdale, Ambrose Parenteau, Estate of Susie Parenteau Fischer, Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, Metis Settlements General Council, Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Parties  
 Finding: The Land Trustee followed the rules set out the *Metis Settlements General Council Land Policy* (GC-9201) for deciding how the deceased's estate should be dealt with. The Paddle Prairie Metis Settlements gave the land to the deceased as a gift under the Settlement's Housing Policy (sic). Nor did Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement register or record any other interest in the Metis Settlements Land Registry. Accordingly, the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement does not retain any residual interests or priority over the deceased's property. **NOTE:** The Alberta Court of Appeal granted leave to appeal to Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement on February 8, 2011 and further directed the parties to jointly develop the questions for review.
- **Order 215 Financial Interest / Conflict of Interest**  
 Between: Alden Armstrong, Appellant, and Greg Calliou, Respondent, and Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, Other Party  
 Finding: The Appeal Tribunal may determine whether a councillor has a *financial interest* in a matter before Council. However, questions concerning conflict of interest are to be determined through the Court, or through the Metis Settlements' Ombudsman.
- **Order 214 Descent of Property**  
 Between: Brian Gladue, Appellant, and Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, Hazel Fox, Delma R. Gladue, Allan Gladue, Brenda Leprete, Mabel Nipshank, William Gladue, Lorne Gladue, Respondents, and Metis Settlements General Council, Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Parties  
 Finding: A key benefit to having Metis Title is the right to file Estate Instructions and name who should receive one's interest upon death. The deceased filed Estate Instructions and the person named in the Instructions is eligible to receive the deceased's land. The Tribunal ordered that the interest in land be transferred to the person named in the Estate Instructions.

- **Order 213 Land Dispute**  
 Between: Jeannie Rich, Appellant, and East Prairie Metis Settlement, Respondents, and Harry Supernault, Affected Party, and Metis Settlements Land Registry, Metis Settlements General Council, Other Parties  
 Finding: The *Surveys Act (RSA 2000)*, prohibits the recording or registration of any interests in unsurveyed Settlement lands. The Appellant’s application for Metis Title is denied, but the Settlement is directed to enter into negotiations with the Appellant concerning the value of any improvements made by the Appellant. The Tribunal also retained jurisdiction to mediate or hear and determine the question of fair compensation.
- **Order 212 Land Dispute**  
 Between: Karen Supernant, Appellant, and East Prairie Metis Settlement, Respondent, and Metis Settlements General Council Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Parties  
 Finding: The *Metis Settlements General Council Land Policy (GC-9201)* allows Settlement Councils to name “the persons who are eligible to apply for the [posted] interest” in Settlement lands and to identify “any special conditions that must be met” by those applying for the posted interest in land. The Appellant did not meet the conditions set out in the posting and her request for the posted interest in land was denied.
- **Order 211 Membership Dispute**  
 Between: Jamie Patenaude, Timothy Patenaude, Appellants, and Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, Respondent, and Metis Settlements Land Registry, Metis Settlements General Council, Affected Parties  
 Finding: The severance of sections 75 and 90 from the MSA by the Alberta Court of Appeal do not stop Registered Indians from applying for membership on a Metis Settlement. All applicants for membership must still prove they meet the remaining membership criteria set out in Part 3, Division 1 of the MSA
- **Order 210 Land Dispute**  
 Between: Gail Carifelle, Appellant, and Peavine Metis Settlement, Collin Mearon, Metis Settlements Land Registry, Metis Settlements General Council, Respondents  
 Finding: The Appellant’s right of appeal expired because she missed the appeal deadline and there were no special circumstances present to justify extending the appeal deadline.
- **Order 209 Financial Interest / Conflict of Interest**  
 Between: Alden Armstrong, Appellant, and Greg Calliou, Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, Respondents  
 Finding: The Appellant established that he is “an affected person” under the *Metis Settlements General Council Financial Interest Policy (GC–P9808)* and was granted “leave to appeal” with respect to the question of whether the Respondent has a financial interest in a matter before Council, or in an agreement with the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement.

▪ **Order 208 Land Dispute**

Between: Rose Marie Cunningham, Appellant, and  
Peavine Metis Settlement, Archie Collins, Respondents and  
Metis Settlements General Council,  
Metis Settlements Land Registry, Other Parties

Finding: The Metis Settlements General Council Land Policy (GC-9201) requires that once land is posted, Settlement Council must make a decision in relation to the posting (to accept an application, or reject all applications). Settlement Council did not make a decision. The Appeal Tribunal is empowered to make any decision a Settlement Council can make and based on the merits of the applications before it, directed that Provisional Metis Title be awarded to the Respondent, Archie Collins.

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### Land Access Panels

#### LAP ORDERS ISSUED – January 2010 to December 2010

| LAP Order Number | Right of Entry Order # | Compensation Order # | Order Type                              | Settlement     | Applicant                        |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 0075/10          | 2457/87                | 0591/88              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | ConocoPhillips Canada (BRC) Ltd. |
| 0074/10          | E1321/87               | E1602/87             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | ConocoPhillips Canada (BRC) Ltd. |
| 0073/10          | E158/76                | E98/79               | Change in Occupant                      | Paddle Prairie | Rose Mabel Auger                 |
| 0072/10          | E1588/81               | E576/84              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp       |
| 0071/10          | 0269/88                | 1411/88              | Correction to Termination Order         | Fishing Lake   | Imperial Oil Limited             |
| 0070/10          | 1892/89                | 2783/89              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0069/10          | E2435/85               | E2513/85             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0068/10          | E1744/85               | E1923/85             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0067/10          | E1366/80               | E1298/81             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0066/10          | E1363/80               | E1297/81             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0065/10          | 0450/89                | 0854/89              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0064/10          | 0014/89                | 0541/89              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0063/10          | 0013/89                | 0540/89              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0062/10          | 0012/89                | 0539/89              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0061/10          | 2304/88                | 2540/88              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0060/10          | E407/83                | E185/84              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0059/10          | E406/83                | E1470/83             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0058/10          | E359/79                | E931/81              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0057/10          | E294/79                | E929/81              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0056/10          | 1320/87                | 1601/87              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |
| 0055/10          | 1022/89                | 1346/89              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp.      |



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| 0054/10          | 0499/88                | 1450/88              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0053/10          | 0498/88                | 1418/88              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0052/10          | 1974/87                | 0636/88              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0051/10          | 1980/87                | 2129/87              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0050/10          | E2434/85               | E2512/85             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0049/10          | E1522/85               | E1921/85             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0048/10          | E1171/85               | E1920/85             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0047/10          | E1170/85               | E1919/85             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0046/10          | E848/79                | E335/81              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0045/10          | E272/79                | E244/81              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Fishing Lake   | Crescent Point Energy Corp. |
| 0044/10          | E826/79                | E1596/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0043/10          | E825/79                | E1595/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0042/10          | E823/79                | E1594/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0041/10          | E824/79                | E1593/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0040/10          | E821/79                | E1591/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0039/10          | E820/79                | E1590/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0038/10          | E386/79                | E1589/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0037/10          | E324/79                | E1588/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0036/10          | E323/79                | E1587/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0035/10          | E322/79                | E1586/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0034/10          | E321/79                | E1585/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0033/10          | E320/79                | E1584/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0032/10          | E319/79                | E1583/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0031/10          | E224/80                | E1552/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0030/10          | E226/80                | E1551/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0029/10          | E195/80                | E1550/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |
| 0028/10          | E228/80                | E1549/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation          |

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| 0027/10          | E170/80                | E1548/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0026/10          | E227/80                | E1547/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0025/10          | E169/80                | E1546/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0024/10          | E233/80                | E1545/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0023/10          | E168/80                | E1544/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0022/10          | E1443/79               | E1543/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0021/10          | E17/79                 | E1542/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0020/10          | E405/81                | E1919/81             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0019/10          | E1537/80               | E1918/81             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0018/10          | E103/77                | E298/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0017/10          | E83/77                 | E296/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0016/10          | E1496/76               | E293/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0015/10          | E1502/76               | E292/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0014/10          | E276/76                | E283/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0013/10          | E246/76                | E282/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0012/10          | E1449/79               | E1597/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0011/10          | E822/79                | E1592/80             | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0010/10          | E1504/76               | E295/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0009/10          | E1505/76               | E294/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0008/10          | E1503/76               | E291/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0007/10          | E1500/76               | E290/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0006/10          | E1069/76               | E287/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0005/10          | E1058/76               | E286/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0004/10          | E1056/76               | E285/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0003/10          | E1072/76               | E284/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0002/10          | E93/76                 | E281/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |
| 0001/10          | E67/76                 | E280/78              | Change of Existing Mineral Lease Holder | Paddle Prairie | Encana Corporation |



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