



Senate Action No. 3-26-02-51-3-164

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SENATE

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METIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

Apihtow-kosison peyakosihtwawin

Gregory Gordon Mazur

And

METIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA CENTRAL REGISTRY

CITIZENSHIP/CENTRAL REGISTRY APPEAL RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE SENATE

To: Gregory Gordon Mazur
To: METIS BRITISH COLUMBIA CENTRA REGISTRY
FROM: METIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA SENATE CLERK

Introduction

(1) On December 20, 2017 the Applicant, Gregory Gordon Mazur, received a letter from the respondent, the MNBC Central Registry, that indicated his citizenship could not be validated or verified based on the current qualifiers for MNBC Citizenship. Specifically the Respondent's letter highlighted:

"I have carefully reviewed the genealogical information provided to the MNBC Central Registry. Upon review of the genealogical information, I noted that the ancestry traces to the province of Quebec. Please note applicants are required to verify a genealogical connection to the historic Métis Nation Homeland. The province of Quebec is not part of the historic Métis Nation Homeland."

(2) The applicant has requested a review of his citizenship application package and all related materials, and a decision if the processes and interpretations of the Registrar

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were consistent with the intent of the “national definition” and the **MNBC Citizenship Act**.

Privacy Consent to Release

(3) On January 15, 2018, Gregory Gordon Mazur supplied a signed and witnessed “*Consent to Release Confidential Information*” form. This form provided the Senate with the following consents:

- i Utilization of the documentation supplied to the MNBC Central Registry for the purpose of the applied for appeal.
- ii To send the contents of Gregory Gordon Mazur’s citizenship application file to a third-party for a second professional genealogical opinion.
- iii To utilize all the information supplied or demanded for the purposes of the MNBC Senate appeal processes.

Second Genealogical Opinion

(a) Société historique de Saint-Boniface

(4) A second professional genealogical opinion was obtained from the Société historique de Saint-Boniface (Saint Boniface historical society). The Société does research to identify if the applicant has an ancestor that has been identified as Métis through official documentation such as census records, scrip, land grant document or other official documents such as church records.

(5) Ms. Janet La France from the genealogical department of the Société historique Saint-Boniface supplied a second professional genealogical opinion by letter on January 22, 2019. Ms. La France indicated the following:

*“The information submitted by your client, Gregory Gordon Mazur, has been carefully reviewed. We were able to trace the lines in question to Eastern Canada, without encountering any evidence of Métis ancestry. Our research conclusions are in accordance with the findings of the MNBC Central Registry in that no aboriginal ancestry could be confirmed within the genealogical line we were asked to examine. Therefore, M. Mazur’s ancestors do **not** connect into the Historic Métis Nation as they were then known or their homeland.”*

Analysis

b) Genealogical Interpretation

- (6) Both the MNBC Central Registry and the Société historique de Saint-Boniface indicated that they could not determine a link and/or ancestor that identified as Métis and resided within the Metis Nation Homeland.
- (7) Furthermore, both the MNBC Central Registry and the Société historique de Saint-Boniface specified that they could not confirm any aboriginal ancestry within the genealogical line that was specified for research into possible Metis ancestry.
- (8) Thus there was no evidence supplied that would indicate Mr. Mazur's genealogical ancestry held any connection into the Historic Metis Nation.

Denial of Leave to Appeal

- (9) Based on the information supplied and the genealogical opinions (MNBC Central Registry and the Société historique de Saint-Boniface), there could not be verified any genealogical connection to the Métis Homeland or the presence of a Métis ancestor.
- (10) Based on the evidence provided and the genealogical line researched there is not sufficient justification to send this appeal file to the Senate, and the application to appeal is therefore denied.
- (11) It ought to be noted that should the parameters for MNBC citizenship change, or if the applicant discovers new information or documentation, that this decision does not limit or negate the applicant from reapplying for MNBC citizenship.

Dated at the community of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of March, 2019.



WP. Bresser
MNBC Senate Clerk