



**NOTICE OF ST. EUGENE MISSION RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FARM LANDS SPECIFIC CLAIM  
HEARING OF ORAL EVIDENCE  
July 21<sup>st</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

TO:                ʔaqam Membership

DATE:            July 15, 2015

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**TAKE NOTICE** that the Specific Claims Tribunal will hear the oral testimony being provided by identified ʔaqamnik on July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Hearing will take place in the Chief David Room at the St. Eugene Resort. All ʔaqamnik are welcome to attend the Hearing. Opening prayer and proceedings begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**Background**

The St. Eugene Mission Residential School Farm Lands Specific Claim concerns Canada's failure to reserve lands for ʔaqam that ʔaqam historically used and occupied prior to and during the establishment and operation of the St. Eugene Mission (the "Mission Farmlands") run by the Oblates. The Mission Farmlands consist of portions of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 1063, which are the fields to the east directly across the road from the St. Eugene Mission Resort. The Mission Farmlands comprise the former farmlands portion of the St. Eugene Residential School lands and are currently owned by a third party in fee simple.

In keeping with Canada's Specific Claims Policy, the Claim is not based on nor does it allege Aboriginal rights or title.

ʔaqam asserts that Canada had a fiduciary duty to set aside the Mission Farmlands as reserve lands for the use and benefit of ʔaqam at the time of reserve creation in 1884 based on ʔaqam's cognizable interest in the Mission Farmlands as evidenced by ʔaqam's historic use and occupation. ʔaqam further asserts that in 1925 when Canada purchased 25.05 acres of land from the Oblates that was later set aside in 1951 as St. Mary's Reserve No. 1A, Canada also had a fiduciary duty to set aside the Mission Farmlands as reserve lands for ʔaqam.

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