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Supplementary Affidavit of
John Wintrup sworn before me
this 3rd day of January, 2025

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From: Lisa Muswagon lmuswagon@manitobachiefs.com 
Subject: Re: Potential mass unmarked grave on the property of the Behavioural Health Foundation, Lemay Forest, and the City of Winnipeg.
Date: December 21, 2023 at 10:20 AM
To: jwintrup@me.com

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Really appreciate that. Yes please keep me posted, and updated, at the same time I will keep the Grand Chief's Office updated as well.

Thanks,

Lisa Muswagon
Special Projects Policy Analyst - Unmarked Graves
6th Floor - 275 Portage Avenue
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(431) 877-2807



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From: jwintrup@me.com <jwintrup@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 10:18 AM
To: Lisa Muswagon <lmuswagon@manitobachiefs.com>
Subject: Re: Potential mass unmarked grave on the property of the Behavioural Health Foundation, Lemay Forest, and the City of Winnipeg.

Hi

Thanks for contacting me!

Doing better, and grateful for having a solid support network.

I admire your courage to work on unmarked graves, and thankful that good people like you are dedicated to bringing these past atrocities to light for all Canadians to know and understand.

Let me know of any meetings or information or anything that can be helpful here, there is some additional information I will pass on in separate emails.

AMC and your office's leadership and guidance is much needed and appreciated to ensure the wrongs of the past committed here are appropriately recognized.

John Scott Wintrup

On Dec 21, 2023, at 9:45 AM, Lisa Muswagon <lmuswagon@manitobachiefs.com> wrote:

Hi John,

How have you been since we last met? Okay, so I've had some follow up emails after our meeting, and just to let you know, we sent an email to the Mayor in support of your research. We will do our best to assist you and once we commence in the new year, we can have more meetings. I am currently planning a meeting again in the next year.

I am also on call during the holidays so I'll be in touch from time to time. I will also forward the open house invite to Grand Chief's Office.

Thanks John,

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From: MayorGillingham <mayor@Gillingham@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Grand Chief Merrick <gcmerrick@manitobachiefs.com>; MayorGillingham <mayor@Gillingham@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: Lisa Muswagon <lmuswagon@manitobachiefs.com>; GCO STAFF <GCOSTAFF@manitobachiefs.com>; Howard Burston <hburston@manitobachiefs.com>; Melanie Everett <melanie@manitobachiefs.com>
Subject: RE: Potential mass unmarked grave on the property of the Behavioural Health Foundation, Lemay Forest, and the City of Winnipeg.

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Mayor Scott Gillingham, thank you for your email.

We appreciate this information and will ensure that it is brought to the Mayor's attention.

Again, thank you for your correspondence.

Sincerely,

Rhoab Basco
Office of Mayor Scott Gillingham
City of Winnipeg

From: Grand Chief Merrick <gcmerrick@manitobachiefs.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 12:32 PM
To: MayorGillingham <mayor@Gillingham@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: Lisa Muswagon <lmuswagon@manitobachiefs.com>; GCO STAFF <GCOSTAFF@manitobachiefs.com>; Howard Burston <hburston@manitobachiefs.com>; Melanie Everett <melanie@manitobachiefs.com>
Subject: Potential mass unmarked grave on the property of the Behavioural Health Foundation, Lemay Forest, and the City of Winnipeg.
Importance: High

**** EXTERNAL EMAIL - USE CAUTION ****

Good Afternoon Mayor Gillingham,

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) is dedicated to preserving the lives and memory of First Nations citizens who died in Residential School Institutions, particularly those in the St. Norbert area where a recent research project suggests a high likelihood of a mass unmarked grave.

AMC is a registered charity and a non-partisan, non-governmental organization. It is the only national organization of First Nations in Canada that is controlled by First Nations. The AMC is dedicated to the preservation of the lives and memory of First Nations citizens who died in Residential School Institutions, particularly those in the St. Norbert area where a recent research project suggests a high likelihood of a mass unmarked grave.

A research group has shared their findings with AMC staff, revealing a potential mass unmarked grave on the property of the Behavioural Health Foundation, Lemay Forest, and the City of Winnipeg.

The site holds historical significance dating back to the early 1900s when the Misericordia Sisters operated the L'Aisle Ritchot orphanage. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the Oblates took over the property for use as a seminary.

We take this news very seriously and our hearts go out to the family and Nations of these little ones who were not given the opportunity to return home, even after they died. It is with heavy hearts, but solid determination, we will seek to repatriate these little ones so they can be laid to rest in the care of their loved ones.

Over the past two weeks, the AMC has gathered information and data, including digitized archives from the Societe Historique de Saint Boniface, to shed light on this historical tragedy. Collaboration with John Wintrup Planning Development and Tochal Development Group has been crucial in initiating this research project.

Research conducted by the Peguis Consultation and Special Projects Office Archaeological and Heritage Group confirms the presence of a cemetery at Aisle Ritchot, containing both individual and mass graves dating from 1907 to 1918. Approximately 1500 burials, mostly in mass graves, include infants without parents or families without means for individual graves. Records also indicate hundreds of deaths are likely linked to the Sisters of Misericorde hospital.

However, the exact cemetery location remains unknown. Non-invasive testing in both the development boundaries and the cleared area west of them is needed. To ascertain the cemetery's size and the presence of human remains, a comprehensive survey program is necessary, utilizing test-pits, ground-penetrating radar, resistivity, and magnetometry tests, all focused on locating graves without disturbing the ground.

It's important to note that Lemay Forest owners lack full control over nearby properties suspected of unmarked mass graves.

It is the intent of the AMC to actively collaborate with other property owners to ensure collective action is taken to ensure this testing takes place.

As such, the AMC is asking the City of Winnipeg to hold off on any development in this area in order to investigate the presence of unmarked mass graves.

In closing the AMC is committed to engaging with various levels of government for completion of this work. Specific methods for the search are under discussion, with a strong focus on employing the least invasive techniques possible.

Please contact my office should you have any further questions. I would also recommend that we schedule a meeting to discuss.

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