



Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation

March 7, 2023

Algonquin Tribunal
31 Riverside Dr #101
Pembroke, ON
K8A 8R6

Dear Panel Members,

RE: Tribunal Hearing for Subject Ancestor: JOSEPH PAQUETTE

On behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation (“AOPFN”), I write to convey our intention to participate in the Algonquin Tribunal’s inquiry into the lineage of the Subject Ancestor noted above for the purposes of the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors.

We appreciate that our submission is past due, however, in the interest of ensuring a fulsome record and that the views of AOPFN are duly considered, we request leave of the Tribunal to accept our submission. In this regard, we attach our submission, prepared by Dr. Darryl Leroux and endorsed by the Chief and Council of the AOPFN.

Please confirm acceptance of our submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Jocko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Wendy Jocko, Chief
On behalf of the Council, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation

c.c.: Dr. Darryl Leroux

Attachment: Paquette Submission

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ALGONQUIN TRIBUNAL

Submission by the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation

Written by Darryl Leroux, PhD

Disputed Ancestor: Joseph Paquette (RIN# 11371)

POSITION STATEMENT

I have reviewed the two documents available on the Algonquin Tribunal website for Joseph Paquette: Document 1 – Enrolment Officer’s Report Regarding Ancestor Joseph Paquette; and Document 2 – Initial Submission by C. Paquette.

I agree with the Enrolment Officer’s (EO) main findings about Joseph Paquette:

- Joseph married Marie-Hélène Barrette in 1783 in Laval;
- His parents were Joseph Paquet and Marie Rose, also from Laval;
- Joseph was buried on 20 November 1818 in Laval; and
- None of the extensive documentation connected to this family identify them as Indigenous or Algonquin.

The EO report explains that Joseph Paquette was included on the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors in error back in the 1990s under the original Algonquin Enrolment Law. An individual who transcribed the 1825 census of Lake of Two Mountains changed Joseph Payette, one of the Algonquin heads of household, to Joseph “Paquette,” which was later transformed to Joseph Paquette. In other words, Joseph Paquette should never have been included on the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors.

It’s my assessment that Joseph Paquette is not an “Algonquin Ancestor” as defined in Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.