

**Enrolment Officer's Responding Report to Reply Submission by an
Interested Party:**

**Report Regarding Ancestor
Joseph Paquette
(RIN #11371)
dated March 21, 2023**



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1. Introduction

The Tribunal received a submission from one individual in support of retaining the ancestor Joseph Paquette (RIN #11371) on the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors. The submission is posted on the Tribunal's website at:

<https://www.tanakiwin.com/tribunal/JosephPaquette/>

The submission appears on the website as:

- Document 6 – Reply Submission by C. Paquette

The submission was filed in response to the Enrolment Officer's Report on Ancestor Joseph Paquette, dated September 2022, which is posted on the website as Document 1 – Enrolment Officer's Report Regarding Ancestor Joseph Paquette (RIN #11371) and the Enrolment Officer's Responding Report posted on the website as Document 4 – Enrolment Officers Reply to Initial Submissions Regarding Joseph Paquette (RIN 11371).

This responding report addresses the content of the reply submission that is relevant to the Tribunal's inquiry, which is to determine whether Joseph Paquette is identified in a historic record or document dated on or before December 31, 1921, in such a way that it would be reasonable to conclude that he was considered to be an Algonquin or Nipissing, or a sibling of such a person. A "sibling of such a person" means a person with a common Algonquin parent.

2. Document #6 – Reply Submission by C. Paquette

The respondent Charles Paquette submitted a reply submission in support of Joseph Paquette (RIN #11371) to the Tribunal dated February 28, 2023. The submission consisted of a letter describing his concerns.

2.1 Error in Enrolment Report

In his initial submission, the respondent referred to a statement by Dwight Paquette. In an attempt to identify Dwight Paquette in the Enrolment Officer's Responding Report, the Enrolment Officer erroneously stated that Oswald Paquette (RIN #16101, born 1920) is a first cousin of the respondent.

The respondent is correct in identifying Oswald Paquette (RIN #16101) as his uncle and Oswald's son Dwight Paquette as his first cousin. The relationship as described by the respondent is correct and has been verified in the Enrolment Office genealogical database.

While the error in the identification of the relationship between the respondent and his cousin has no material effect on the content of the submission or reply, the Enrolment Officer apologizes for the error.

2.2 "Paquettes" living with and married to known Algonquin Ancestors

The respondent reiterates in his reply submission that there are "Paquettes" who have lived with and married known Algonquin ancestors demonstrating connection to the community.

The Enrolment Officer's Responding Report, Document 4, included an example of a branch of the Paquette family intermarried with the Montreuil, Kakwabit and Lamure families on pages 7-8. The fact that at one Paquette descendant had Algonquin ancestry through his mother and her ancestors does not confer Algonquin descent on his relative through his paternal line.

No other intermarriages have been demonstrated.

2.3 Oral History and Prior acceptance with the AOO

The Enrolment Officer's responding report was confined to commenting on information related directly to the ancestor and was undertaken to confirm whether the oral history pertaining to the ancestor at issue is consistent with the available historical documents, if any. The Enrolment Officer did not make any comments on the lifestyle, personal experiences or personal beliefs of the respondent and his community.

The Special Resolution passed by the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives Resolution on April 20, 2021 (Motion 20210420-01) guides the work of the Tribunal. It specifies in Clause 77 that: "Any matter brought to the Tribunal for determination shall be heard and be determined as a new proceeding, but this does not preclude the Tribunal from considering decisions made by other decision-making bodies including with respect to past enrolment processes."