

**Enrolment Officer's Reply Submission in response to Responding
Submissions by Interested Parties:**

**Reply Report Regarding Ancestor
Cecile McDonnell dite Mawsihk
(RIN #14687)
Dated April 11, 2023**



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1. Introduction

The Tribunal received responding submissions from two parties in support of removing the ancestor Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk (RIN #14687) from the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors. The submissions are posted on the Tribunal's website at:

<https://www.tanakiwin.com/tribunal/cecile-mcdonnell-mawishk/>

They appear on the website as:

- Document 9 – Submission by Chief Wendy Jocko on behalf of her community. It was dated March 7, 2023.
- Document 12 – Responding Submission by Chief G. Sarazin on behalf of his community. It was dated March 27, 2023.

The submissions are responding to the Enrolment Officer's Report and reply reports which appears on the Tribunal website as:

- Documents 1 to 8 and 11 – Enrolment Officer Report and various submissions and reply reports regarding Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk.

This reply report addresses the content in the Respondents' submissions that are relevant to the Tribunal's inquiry, which is to determine whether Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk (RIN #14687) 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 she 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.

The Respondents' submissions refer to some documents and facts that are contained in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1). As noted in the Enrolment Officer's Report, archival documents recording a family's life events have been assigned ALG document numbers; RIN numbers have been assigned to individuals discussed in the report to aid in identification. RIN numbers, ALG document numbers, and/or page numbers of existing reports will be referenced in this report for ease of discussion.

2. Document #9 – Responding Submission by Chief Wendy Jocko on behalf of her community

The Respondent Chief Wendy Jocko submitted a responding submission on behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan in support of removing ancestor Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk (RIN #14687) from the Schedule of Ancestors.

The Respondent stated that she agreed with the Enrolment Officer's findings about Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk; which are described as follows:

- In the baptismal record for her son Narcisse from July 9, 1836 at Mattawa she was identified as "sauteurs," the name the French gave to Anishinaabe people from west of the Great Lakes.

- Cécile married Narcisse Laurion (Dorion) at Témiscamingue on June 22, 1837. In that record she was identified as Métis.
- Narcisse was a voyageur who likely met Cécile while he was working at the HBC post in Norway House at the northern tip of Lake Winnipeg. Cécile was recorded as born in Manitoba in the 1871 Census for Mattawa North.
- Cécile was recorded as born in Manitoba in each of her daughters' (Sophie and Caroline) census returns for the 1891 Census for Mattawa.

The Respondent submits that the documents submitted in support of Cecile McDonnell did not provide sufficient evidence for Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk to be considered an Algonquin Ancestor according to Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.

The Enrolment Officer notes that neither her initial report (posted as Document 1) nor her reply reports (posted as Documents 6, 10, and 11) drew conclusions as to the tribal affiliation of Cecile McDonnell. The known details regarding this woman were laid out for the consideration of the Tribunal.

What conclusions, if any, that may be drawn from the Enrolment Officer's Report or other evidence that is available to the Tribunal, are for the Tribunal to determine.

The Enrolment Officer has no further reply comments.

3. Document #12 – Responding Submission by Chief G. Sarazin on behalf of his community

The Respondent Chief Greg Sarazin submitted a responding submission on behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan in support of removing ancestor Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk (RIN #14687) from the Schedule of Ancestors.

The submission was in response to a submission from J. Poirier (posted as Document 8) and the Enrolment Officer's reply (posted as Document 11). J. Poirier argued in favour of retaining Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk on the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors.

The Respondent analyses the submissions made in favour of keeping Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk on the list of Algonquin Ancestors and discusses the earlier submissions. The Respondent submits that the submissions do not provide any new evidence to support the view that Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk was an Algonquin woman.

The Respondent submits that Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk is not an Algonquin Ancestor according to Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.

The Enrolment Officer notes that neither her initial report (posted as Document 1) nor her reply reports (posted as Documents 6, 10, and 11) drew conclusions as to the tribal affiliation of

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What conclusions, if any, that may be drawn from the Enrolment Officer's Report or other evidence that is available to the Tribunal, are for the Tribunal to determine.

The Enrolment Officer has no further reply comments on this subject.