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Mr. Michael Jerch
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Dear Mr. Jerch:

On behalf of Council, we continue to rely on your expertise as we address issues affecting our community and our citizens. We have always been able to rely on the integrity and honesty on your perspective from a legal point of view.

Your interest in aboriginal and First Nation laws is something we will continue to need. The mentoring and having young aboriginal associates in your firm has increased the capability and capacity to deal with the issues of OCN. Aboriginal youth who grow up with the issues facing aboriginal and First Nation people through their parents and grandparents such as Seneca Longclaws whose father was the Grand Chief of the Four Nations Confederacy and her mother, who is also well respected. Longclaws has along rich aboriginal history. Seneca Longclaws has offered her assistance in the development and formation of a "Schools Claim" for Opaskwayak Cree Nation, and Council has supported this movement. With your guidance, we need to move on this "claim". Other areas continue to be a priority with Council, such as the Opaskwayak Cree Nation vs. Her Majesty the Queen, over the authority of our jurisdiction and governance of First Nation Status Peoples and Citizenship. Of course, we hope we can continue to rely on your integrity and urgency on these matters.

Over the years, we have developed a good working relationship, and we would hope to continue this partnership working directly with our citizens supported by Chief and Council.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael G. Constant
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Cc: Council file
Cc: BDA - Citizenship
Cc: School Claims Group - Indian Schools Committee