

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF NOVA SCOTIA YOUTH FACILITY (WATERVILLE) CLASS ACTION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. IGNORING THIS NOTICE WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION:

Class members be advised of certification of a class action on behalf of all persons who were residents of the Nova Scotia Youth Centre located in Waterville, Nova Scotia, between June 20, 1988 and December 31, 2017 and who allege they were subjected to sexual abuse by the swim instructor who worked in the facility during their time at the facility.

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE CLASS ACTION?

The class action alleges that the Attorney General of Nova Scotia is liable to the Class Members for sexual abuses inflicted on Class Members by the swim instructor of the Nova Scotia Youth Centre. These allegations of liability have not been proven. A common issues trial will be scheduled where liability may or may not be established. A judgment at this trial will bind all Class Members who do not opt out of the class action.

This class action is being advanced by three representative plaintiffs: Paul Kellock, Randy Arenburg and Anthony Haynes.

CLASS COUNSEL COMPENSATION

Class counsel has agreed to act on the basis that they will not be paid any legal fees unless and until the class action is either settled or successfully tried to judgment and the class members are entitled to recover damages.

The Representative Plaintiffs have entered into a Contingency Fee Agreement with class counsel. Class counsel will apply to the court at the conclusion of the case to have their legal fees approved. Class counsel will pay for all case expenses incurred in prosecuting the case and if the case is successful, class counsel will apply to the court to be reimbursed for these case expenses. If the class is not successfully settled or tried, class counsel will not be paid or reimbursed for any expenses.

RIGHT TO OPT-OUT

If you do not want to participate in the class action as a class member, you must opt out on or before **September 30, 2020**, which is the deadline stipulated in the opt out form. If you opt out you will not be entitled to share in any recovery or take the benefit of any ruling in this case.

WHERE CAN CLASS MEMBERS GET MORE INFORMATION?

For free information, or to access opt-out forms, visit www.valentlegal.ca or contact class counsel by email at info@valentlegal.ca or by telephone at **902-443-4488** or in person **401-1741 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS, B3J 3X8**