

My name is Dan Ennis. I am a Chief with the Wulustukyieg Traditional Council at Toubick. We provide copies of formal complaints to the Canadian Human Rights Commission for your Standing Committee. The complaints are against Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and its Default Prevention and Management Policy. Our formal complaints are self-explanatory but if questions arise our contact information is provided.

The Wulustukyieg Traditional Council is and has been the governing body for the Wulustukyieg (Maliseet) people since before Europeans arrived in our homeland in 1604.

The laws in Canada do not give effect to the principle that all individuals should have an opportunity equal with other individuals to make for themselves the laws that they are able and wish to have and to have their needs accommodated..... How can this stated principle apply to Indian individuals living on one of Canada's Indian reservations?

As an Indian person forced to live on one of those Canadian Indian reservations I say that that lofty principle does not and cannot apply to any Indian person and so the reason for our complaints.

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My son is disabled and I am acting as his advocate/representative in this complaint.

My son is Indian and has a disability, He is forced to live in sub-standard and inadequate housing and has this way since 2003 partially due to the severe housing shortage within Tobique First Nation (TFN). He has been on the TFN housing list all of that time.

At some point in time the TFN was placed in the AANDC Default Management Plan under the AANDC Default Prevention and Management Policy. The TFN has been forced to live under this discriminatory policy ever since.

A section of this policy states that TFN cannot receive government funding for much needed new housing.

Through different government, such as its Housing Policy and its Third Party Management Policy among others, my son, as well as Indians in general, are being treated in an adverse and differential manner and are forced to endure undue hardship.

These facts are the basis for our claim of systemic discrimination based on race and disability contrary to the Canadian Human Rights Act.

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Under the Purpose of Act section of the Canadian Human Rights Act it states:

“The purpose of this Act is to extend the laws in Canada to give effect, within the purview of matters coming within the legislative authority of Parliament, to the principle that all individuals should have an opportunity equal with other individuals to make for themselves the lives that they

are able and wish to have and to have their needs accommodated consistent with their duties and obligations as members of society, without being hindered in or prevented from doing so by discriminatory practices based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, disability or conviction for an offence for which a pardon has been granted

Our complaint is a complaint based on systemic race discrimination.

We maintain that the policies, practices, regulations that flow from the Indian Act et al constitutes systemic discrimination based on race.

As Indian people we are subject to an array of policies, practices and regulations that flow from certain legislation/laws such as the Indian Act, the Indian Scalp Act, the Indian Reservation Act, the Indian Residential School Act, the First Nations Election Act, etc, etc

These many different laws, policies, practices are designed by white people specifically and strictly for Indians and they are designed to control, manage, isolate and colonize Indians.

This is political interference in the extreme.

No other segment of the Canadian population is subjected to any such laws, policies or practices.

All laws, policies, practices put in place by people of one nation to control the lives of people of another nation are unethical, illegitimate, immoral and illegal which constitutes adverse differential treatment contrary to the Canadian Human Rights Act.