



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-02588**

BY: **MR. BEZAN (SELKIRK-INTERLAKE-EASTMAN)**

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE CATHERINE MCKENNA**

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Response by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Canadian heritage**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

Parks Canada does not have legislative authority with respect to decisions of non-federal owners and no permissions are required from the federal government with respect to work or interventions on these properties.

In Canada, protection of heritage property not owned by the federal government falls within the purview of provinces and territories, in accordance with their respective heritage legislation. Additionally, each province or territory has its own legislation that relates to burial sites and human remains.

Any action on human remains in an archaeological context should only be performed according to provincial and territorial legislation and be supported by the affiliated community. The appropriate archaeological authorities in the jurisdiction should be contacted. Archaeological concerns related to the Spirit Lake Internment Camp would fall under the purview of the Government of Quebec. Interested parties could contact Quebec's Ministry of Culture and Communications to seek advice and guidance on applicable legislation and programs.

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