

CLASS ACTION
John Cormier v. City of Longueuil et al.
505-06-00024-203 and 505-17-013648-235

NOTICE OF HEARING OF A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A settlement agreement (the “**Settlement**”) has been reached to fully and finally settle the class action lawsuit brought against the late François Lamarre and the City of Longueuil (hereinafter referred to as the “**Defendants**”), in connection with sexual assaults perpetrated by François Lamarre up to and including December 31, 2001, for the benefit of the following persons:

“All persons who were sexually abused by the late François Lamarre while he acted as coach of the municipal hockey program in the City of Greenfield Park, as well as the estate of any such persons if deceased since September 1, 2017” (hereinafter the “**Class**”);

Summary of the terms of the Settlement

A Global Settlement Fund in an amount ranging from **\$3,600,000** to **\$10,250,000** will be paid by the Defendants to settle the class action and the members’ claims. The amount to be paid out as a Global Settlement Fund to members will increase by tier, according to the number of claims deemed eligible by the adjudicator, up to a maximum of 56 members.

In addition to the Global Settlement Fund, the City of Longueuil will pay legal costs and judicial disbursements, including Plaintiff’s expert fees, pre- and post-approval notices of the Settlement to Class Members, as well as the Adjudicator’s fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Adjudication Process.

A retired judge will act as adjudicator and will decide on the eligibility of members’ claims according to the criteria set out in the Settlement and, where applicable, their compensation category. The Defendants and their attorneys will have no right to contest, review or intervene in the claims process.

Beyond 56 eligible claims, the Plaintiff will have the option of maintaining the Global Settlement Fund and distributing it among the total number of members whose claims have been deemed eligible, or of renegotiating the Settlement in good faith, subject to subsequent approval by the Court. Failing to reach a new negotiated settlement, the Plaintiff will have the option of resolving the Settlement, in which case the Parties will be returned to the state they were in prior to the conclusion of the Settlement, and legal proceedings will be reactivated accordingly.

This notice is only a summary of the terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the claim eligibility criteria applicable thereto. You may consult the Settlement Agreement, the Adjudication Process set out in **Schedule 1**, the Claim Form to be submitted by each Member found in **Schedule 2**, as well as the “Application for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Class Counsel Fees” by visiting Class Counsel’s website at <https://kklex.com> or the Class Actions Registry at <https://www.registredesactionscollectives.quebec/>

Before the claim period begins, the Settlement must first be approved by the Superior Court. During the approval hearing, Class Counsel will also ask the Court to approve payment of their legal fees and extrajudicial disbursements incurred in advancing the class action, payable from the Global Settlement Fund.

Hearing on approval of Settlement Agreement and Class Counsel Fees

The hearing on the approval of the Settlement Agreement will take place before the Superior Court of Québec at the Longueuil Court House, room 1.19, and via Microsoft Teams videoconference, on December 3rd 2024 at 9h30.

Members who do not oppose the approval of the Settlement do not have to attend the approval hearing in order to benefit from the Settlement.

If a member wishes to object to the Settlement, the Superior Court will hear his objection provided that he or she sends **a written notice** to Class Counsel and to the Clerk's Office of the Superior Court of Quebec, to the attention of the Honourable Suzanne Courchesne, J.S.C, **no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 26 2024**, indicating the following:

- a) The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the person objecting;
- b) A statement to the effect that the person believes he or she is a member, specifying the reasons for this belief;
- c) A brief statement of the nature and grounds of the objection;
- d) Whether the member intends to appear and make representations at the approval hearing; and
- e) If the member intends to be represented by a lawyer, the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the lawyer.

You can attend the approval hearing **in room 1.19 of the Longueuil courthouse** at the time indicated or by clicking on **the following Microsoft Teams link**:

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| 1.19 | <p><u>Vous êtes invité à participer à une réunion Microsoft Teams</u> <u>Nous rejoindre sur votre ordinateur ou votre appareil mobile</u> <u>Cliquez ici pour participer à la réunion</u> <u>Rejoindre à l'aide d'un appareil de vidéoconférence</u> <u>teams@teams.justice.gouv.qc.ca</u> <u>ID de la vidéoconférence: 115 198 216 5</u> <u>Autres instructions relatives à la numérotation VTC</u> <u>Ou composer le numéro (audio seulement)</u> <u>+1 581-319-2194,,203112140# Canada, Quebec</u> <u>(833) 450-1741,,203112140# Canada (Numéro gratuit)</u> <u>ID de téléconférence: 203 112 140#</u> <u>Rechercher un numéro local Réinitialiser le code confidentiel</u> <u>Pour en savoir plus Options de réunion</u></p> |
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For further information:

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**THE PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY
THE HONOURABLE SUZANNE COURCHESNE, J.S.C**