

UPDATE: August 18, 2011

The judges in our case, Madam Justice Boyd and Madam Justice Koenigsburg, have been working to decide the first four claims made by former Woodlands residents in this settlement. It is hoped that by deciding the claims of these four residents, the judges will be able to set precedents and establish rules that will help to resolve the claims of other residents. Many hundreds of people attended Woodlands, and are eligible to participate in this settlement. It makes sense to try to resolve the claims of these first four residents so that the claims of others might then be decided more quickly and easily.

The judges have advised us that they will require more time, and potentially more evidence, to decide these first four claims, and that they will not have a decision on these initial claims before the September 19, 2011, claims deadline.

We will therefore be asking the court to extend this deadline. A hearing date for September 12, 2011 has been set. We hope that this deadline will be extended. We want to make sure that every former Woodlands resident has enough time to make a claim in this settlement, and we think that residents should have the benefit of the judges' decisions on the first four claims when making their own claim. If you would like to attend this hearing, you are welcome to do so. The hearing location is listed below. If you need any information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Alicyn Cumming at 604-714-6159, email: acumming@kleinlyons.com.

The Law Courts
800 Smithe Street
Vancouver, BC
Date: September 12, 2011 at 10 am
Name of the Case: *Richard v. British Columbia*
Judge Hearing the Case: Chief Justice Bauman