

# KENNETH ESTABROOKS ABUSE CLASS ACTION

## NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND COMMON ISSUES JUDGMENT

**Reading this notice may be triggering.** You may prefer to wait until you are in a safe space before reading further or have someone else read it for you, as it may bring back difficult memories and emotions. The Sexual Violence New Brunswick support line is available 24/7 at 506-454-0437.

*A Lawsuit May Affect You. Please Read this Carefully*

You may soon be eligible for compensation from a class action lawsuit. After a trial, the Court of Appeal for New Brunswick decided that the City of Saint John is responsible for sexual abuse committed by Kenneth Estabrooks when he was a police officer between 1953 and November 1, 1975.

There will be a process to determine who is eligible for compensation and how much. **Compensation is not yet available but will be available soon.** This notice summarizes your rights and options right now.

### Who may be eligible for compensation?

The class includes all persons who allege they suffered injury, loss or damage as a result of being sexually abused by Kenneth Estabrooks in the City of Saint John between January 1, 1953 and November 1, 1975.

### Do I need to do anything now?

If you are a class member, **you do not need to do anything now.** The parties are still working out the process to decide who is able to apply for compensation, how much compensation will be available, and how to make a claim for compensation.

Once a process is set, you will receive another notice advising you of the steps you have to take to apply for compensation and the applicable deadlines.

### Who represents the class?

The Court has appointed Koskie Minsky LLP of Toronto and McKiggan Hebert of Halifax to represent the class as “Class Counsel”. You don’t have to pay Class Counsel. Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve their legal fees to be paid from the judgment or settlement.

### What are my options?

- 1. Do nothing:** If you do nothing and stay in the class action, you will be able to make a claim for compensation soon. You will receive another notice with more information about how to make a claim.
- 2. Opt Out:** If you **do not want to receive compensation** from this class action you can exclude yourself by submitting an Opt Out Form by December 15, 2025.

**By opting out, you will keep your right to sue the City of Saint John by yourself but give up your right to share in any compensation available under the class action lawsuit.** If you choose this option, you will have to hire and pay your own lawyer to sue the City and prove on your own that the City of Saint John is responsible for any harm you suffered and will be subject to all the defences the City may raise to this lawsuit.

To opt out, you must properly complete and sign an Opt Out Form with your personal information, details regarding the abuse you suffered, and an acknowledgment that you understand the legal consequences of opting out of this class action. You are strongly encouraged to speak with Class Counsel before submitting this form.

### How can I get more information?

If you have any questions, you may contact Class Counsel for more information and free advice at 902-423-2050 or 1-866-777-6323 or by email to [Info@mckigganhebert.com](mailto:Info@mckigganhebert.com) or [estabrooksabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca](mailto:estabrooksabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca).

If you are having a difficult time reading this notice and dealing with these issues you can also call Sexual Violence New Brunswick at 506-454-0437 for assistance.