NO: QSL-5-5-15196 QUESNEL REGISTRY

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## **BETWEEN:**

SYLVIA BATTLEY, WAYDE BATTLEY, LARRY DUNN,
JEAN GELINAS, JAN McKINNEY, WALLY McKINNEY AND LINDA BUXTON

**PETITIONERS** 

AND:

MICHAEL CAVE, JOHN BRISCO, ED COLEMAN, SCOTT ELLIOT, and LAUREY – ANNE ROODENBURG

RESPONDENTS

## **AFFIDAVIT**

- I, Meriel Wild, of 1661 Pine Drive, Quesnel British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:
  - 1. I was employed by the City of Quesnel from November 4, 2002 to May 31, 2012 as the Human Resources Advisor.
  - On February 6, 2012 I attended my doctor and was informed I had to take stress leave due to the poisoned work environment created by the City Manager, John Stecyk, which was having a serious impact upon my health. I had only taken one previous leave of absence during my employment for a period of two weeks.
  - 3. The City failed to provide the suitable and harassment free working environment required by law, and I made a formal complaint to the City regarding Mr. Stecyk's behaviour.
  - 4 The City established a process for resolution of my complaint, to which I agreed in good faith.
  - The City proceeded to investigate my complaint, and at a meeting in late March or early April, Cllr. Coleman stated that the Executive Committee of Council agreed I had been harassed.

- The City then failed to follow its own established procedures for resolution of my complaint, and did not proceed to the final step. Instead of permitting me to return to work when discharged by my doctor on May 1, 2013, I was placed on paid leave since "the process was not complete".
- 7. I was terminated Without Cause effective May 31, 2012.
- 8. I believe that my employment was terminated due to my complaint. I was a long time employee with a clean personnel record. I had agreed to the City's process to investigate and deal with my complaint, and the City had no reason to terminate my employment.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of Quesnel, in the Province of British Columbia, This 13 day of March 2013

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits within British Columbia

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Witnessed only
No advice cought or given.

Meriel Wild