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Hon. John Yakabuski
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Re: Property Dispute between James Crispo and Laurentian University

Dear Minister Yakabuski,

I am writing on behalf of James Crispo who is currently experiencing a property dispute with Laurentian University. You can see the full details of their dispute at <http://www.laurentian.org/>.

According to Mr. Crispo, the land in dispute is approximately 0.10 acres (~389 square metres) in size and is part of a 46.48 acre parcel of land that was sold by the MNRF to the University in 1968 for a total sum of \$92.66. This values the land in dispute at approximately \$0.19 in 1968.

Mr. Crispo says the Sale Agreement between the MNRF and Laurentian University included the following two provisions:

- *The Corporation covenants and agrees that should all or any portion of the land be no longer required by the Corporation for university purposes, the Corporation shall convey the whole of the land or the portion of the land which is not required, forthwith to the Crown, if requested to do so.*
- *The purchase price for the reconveyance shall be \$92.96 if the whole of the land is reconvened, and the fraction of the aforementioned sum directly proportionate to the land reconvened if a portion of the land is reconvened.*

Mr. Crispo's home's septic system and utility shed have remained on the land in question since 2004. He would like to use this as evidence that the land is not being used by the University for "University purposes". He is therefore asking for the MNRF's assistance in resolving this dispute. He is requesting that, per the terms of the Sale Agreement, the MNRF request the 0.10 acres of land in question back from the University, and then sell the same land to him.

While this is an unusual request, I hope you will look into the matter and consider it thoughtfully. This dispute has taken up time, resources, and funds from both parties, and needs to be resolved by any



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means necessary. As it is not entirely clear why the University is unwilling to sell the property to Mr. Crispo, it is possible that this course of action would be agreeable to both parties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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