## Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation

Contract Agreement
PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT FLY-IN COURTS — EXTENSION
Between
Nishnawbe Aski Legal Services Corporation (NAN LEGAL)
And
Harvey Yesno

Background and Update on Phase 1 of Engagement Fly-in Courts

29 Satellite Fly-In Courts serve NAN Communities with (24) in the Northwest and (5) in the Northeast. 2 other Fly-In courts located in Moosonee and Armstrong are not NAN communities.

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Ontario Court of Justice Chief Justice (OCJ) by its Court Services Division (CSD) and the Ministry of the Attorney General-Indigenous Justice Division (MAG-IJD) and MAG Recovery Secretariat (MAG-RS) seek to establish regular communication with the Chiefs to working together to a recovery way that is respectful in the recognition of the governance and authority of the NAN Chiefs. MAG-RS is lead in official notification of a Court to Re-open and is responsible to arrange Personal Protection Equipment for Courts and will make contact to each First Nation once a ready-to-open date and community contact is confirmed. CSD with the Senior Justices is responsible for scheduling Court Dockets and Notices to attend to all parties on each case.

MAG-IJD requested NAN LEGAL, and Board of Directors approved receipt of funding for NAN LEGAL to work with MAG-IJD with hiring of consultants to meet the OCJ June 30, 2022, court re-opening expectation. NAN LEGAL contracted consultants for <a href="Phase 1 Engagement">Phase 1 Engagement</a> and a report submitted to MAG-IJD affirms most Court proceedings for FLY IN COURTS are still using remote technology with appearances held by video conference or audio conference. All First Nations support Court re-opening, two First Nations re-opened In-Person Court in late June, many identified July and August to begin In-Person Court, some not ready until the fall and four had not yet identified a date and two still to be contacted.

## Purpose of the PRE-EGNGAGEMENT EXTENSION

NAN LEGAL and MAG-IJD agreed to PHASE 1 FLY-IN COURT EXTENSION for a Consultant for month of July 2022. NAN LEGAL identified assistance required for Western and Central Zone First Nations.

Consultant Role and Responsibilities to Extension Phase:

- The consultant to communicate and seek to arrange meetings with the Central and Western Chiefs and/or delegated representatives who have not identified re-opening dates
- 2. To recommend Questions and Scope of Phase 2 to start late summer to early fall 2022
- 3. A summary report to be completed by consultant on findings and recommendations.

NAN LEGAL will make the necessary arrangements to.

- Identify NAN LEGAL staff to be part of the Team to work with the consultant.
- 2. Provision of Zoom meeting space and arrange Travel for consultant, as required.
- 3. Provide copies of meeting materials and preparation documents by email to consultant

## Financial Arrangements and Consideration.

- NAN LEGAL will provide Consultant a total of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) all inclusive of any self-employed deductions required by governments including taxes.
- Initial payment of 50% for a total of \$5000.00 at signing of contract that can be made by EFT.
- Final Payment of \$5000.00 to be made within 15 days after completion of agreement delivery to receipt of invoice from consultant.

We Concur:

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