

**NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF THE
NORTHWOOD COVID DEATHS CLASS ACTION AS AGAINST THE PROVINCE IN
*Erica Surette v. Northwoodcare Group Inc. et al., Hfx. No. 498376***

MAY 23, 2024

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. IGNORING THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR
LEGAL RIGHTS**

A proposed class action was commenced on June 1, 2020 following the deaths of residents due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 complications of the Northwood long term care facility located at Northwood Terrace in Halifax between March 15 to June 30, 2020.

The proposed class consists of the executors or administrators of the estates of the deceased residents, or family members who are entitled to bring an action under the *Fatal Injuries Act*, RSNS 1989, c 163.

The named defendants were a group of related companies that operate, manage, and supervise the provision of long-term care at the facility (the “Northwood Defendants”) and the Attorney General of Nova Scotia (the “Province”). The Province was named as a party to the action on March 15, 2022. Prior to this time, a tolling agreement was entered into by the parties, suspending the running of the limitation period for claims against the Province. The limitation period is the amount of time one has to start a legal action.

The class action has not yet been certified. A motion for certification is scheduled for November 18 and 19, 2024 in Halifax.

Please be notified that the proposed class action against the Province has been discontinued. This means the claim against the Province will not be proceeding. The Court has approved this discontinuance. The proposed class proceeding will continue against the Northwood Defendants.

The limitation periods applicable to all Class Members as against the Province had been suspended since April 15, 2021. The limitation periods re-commence running upon the date of issuance of the Order discontinuing the proposed class action against the Province. **As a result, any legal action you may wish to pursue against the Province relating to the subject matter of this action is now subject to an active limitation period.** In the event that you wish to pursue further legal action against the Province relating to the subject matter of this action, you should speak with a lawyer.

If you have questions about this notice please contact Wagners by email at classaction@wagners.co or by telephone at 1-800-465-8794 / 902-425-7330.

This Notice has been approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia