

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

THE HONOURABLE) THURSDAY, THE 20th DAY
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JUSTICE AKBARALI) OF JUNE, 2024

B E T W E E N :

GASTON J. PERREAULT AND ODETTE DI MURO

Plaintiffs

- and -

**BELL CANADA (ALSO KNOWN AS THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF
CANADA), BELL CANADA INC., BELL MEDIA INC., EXPERTECH NETWORK
INSTALLATION INC., BELL MOBILITY INC., and BELL TV INC.**

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992

ORDER

THIS MOTION, made by the Plaintiffs, for an order to discontinue the class proceeding, was heard on this day via video conference,

ON READING the Affidavit of Odette Di Muro sworn on May 8, 2024, and the exhibits thereto, the Affidavit of Gaston J. Perreault sworn May 9, 2024, and the exhibits thereto, and the Affidavit of Robert Marchessault sworn April 18, 2024, and the exhibits thereto, and on hearing the submissions of the lawyers for the Plaintiffs and for the Defendants,

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the class proceeding is discontinued pursuant to section 29(1) of the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 6.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Notice of Discontinuance attached as Schedule "A" to this Order (the "**Notice**") is approved and that Koskie Minsky LLP ("**KM**") shall forthwith post the Notice on the KM website pertaining to this proceeding.

JUSTICE AKBARALI

SCHEDULE "A"

NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION AGAINST BELL CANADA (ALSO KNOWN AS THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA), BELL CANADA INC., BELL MEDIA INC., BELL EXPERTECH NETWORK INSTALLATION INC., BELL MOBILITY INC., AND BELL TV INC.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.
IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

By Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated June 20, 2024, this is a notice to all persons who as of January 1, 1998 are or were retirees under the Bell Canada Pension Plan, or otherwise entitled to benefits under the Plan, together with their spouses, estates, heirs, beneficiaries, and representatives of any such persons who have died.

In August 2022, a proposed class proceeding was commenced by two retirees against Bell Canada and its affiliated companies ("**Bell Canada**"), alleging a miscalculation of the annual cost-of-living allowance ("**COLA**") applied to annual pensions in the year 1998, where a 1% increase was applied instead of 2%.

This Notice is to advise you that on June 20, 2024, the proposed class proceeding has been discontinued by Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on the basis that as of April 2024, Bell Canada, pursuant to an agreement with the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions ("**OSFI**"), has made retroactive payments to a significant number of retirees, or their surviving spouses, or their beneficiaries, and has committed to OSFI to continue to make retroactive payments to any other eligible Estate representatives who contact Bell Canada in the future, indefinitely.

If you wish to pursue a court claim arising from the alleged miscalculation of the 1998 COLA increase applied to annual pensions in the year 1998, you should seek legal advice immediately. Limitation periods may vary between jurisdictions. You should consult your own lawyer about the limitation period that applies to any claim(s) you may wish to bring.

If you have any questions, you may contact Koskie Minsky LLP at:

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