

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL OF AIR CANADA FLIGHT AC624 CLASS ACTION

You are receiving this notice because you were a passenger on Air Canada Flight AC624, which crashed while attempting to land at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on March 29, 2015.

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY IT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has approved the settlement of a class action against Air Canada, Airbus S.A.S., Nav Canada, Halifax International Airport Authority, the Attorney General of Canada, John Doe #1 and John Doe #2 (together, “the Defendants”) on behalf of the Class in the action *Carroll-Byrne et al. v. Air Canada et al.*, Hfx. No. 438657 (the “Action”).

The Settlement Agreement is a compromise of disputed claims, without any admission or findings of liability or wrongdoing against the Defendants. The class action alleged that each of the Defendants was at fault for causing the crash, and class members were injured as a result. The Defendants dispute that they were at fault for the crash and dispute the nature and degree of class member injuries.

The Defendants, Air Canada, Nav Canada and Halifax International Airport Authority, have agreed to pay \$18,075,000.00 CAD (the “Settlement Amount”) to settle the claims in this Action. This amount includes all damages, private subrogated claims, disbursements, administration fees, honoraria, legal fees, costs, taxes and interest. It also includes an allocation to address the subrogated claims of public health insurers. In exchange, the Class has provided a release of the claims asserted in the Action and the lawsuit has been dismissed. The Court has approved this settlement as a fair and reasonable outcome that is in the best interests of class members.

The Court has also approved payment of Class Counsel’s legal fees in the amount of \$5,041,384.17 CAD, plus HST, which is 30% of the Settlement Amount, exclusive of the costs of disbursements, HST and the Court-approved honoraria. Class Counsel will also be reimbursed for the disbursements and expenses they incurred. These amounts will be deducted from the Settlement Amount. The total fees, disbursements and taxes paid to Class Counsel, as approved by the Court, is \$6,761,891.65 CAD.

This Notice provides a summary of the Settlement Agreement. The full Settlement Agreement may be viewed at: <https://www.cfmlawyers.ca/class-action/air-canada-flight-ac624/> or <https://wagners.co/class-actions/ac624-crash-halifax-airport/>.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why is there a Notice?

This Action was certified as a class action by Order dated December 14, 2016. The Court has now determined that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of the Class, and it has been approved.

Class Members who did not opt out of the action may now receive a portion of the Settlement Amount.

2. What are the settlement benefits?

The Defendants, Air Canada, Nav Canada and Halifax International Airport Authority, will pay the Settlement Amount of \$18,075,000.00 CAD in full and final settlement of the claims in the Action, including class counsel fees and disbursements, in return for a comprehensive release from the Class and a dismissal of the class action. The portion of the Settlement Amount remaining after any payments to public and private health insurers, Court-approved Class Counsel fees and disbursements, and administration expenses will be distributed in accordance with the Court-approved and supervised Distribution Protocol, which is Schedule “B” to the Settlement Agreement, and can be viewed at: <https://www.cfmlawyers.ca/class-action/air-canada-flight-ac624/> or <https://wagners.co/class-actions/ac624-crash-halifax-airport/>.

3. How do I receive compensation?

THERE IS NO NEED TO SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM

Class Counsel have conducted a valuation of each Class Member’s claim (the “Valuation”) and will deliver to each Class Member a summary of their Valuation. Class Counsel determined the Valuation based on the information and instructions provided to Class Counsel and the materials reasonably available to Class Counsel at the time of the Valuation.

Class Counsel will begin to distribute the funds to Class Members in accordance with the Distribution Protocol.

THERE IS NO NEED TO DO ANYTHING FURTHER AT THIS TIME TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

4. How will Class Counsel be paid?

You will not have to pay any of the fees and expenses of Class Counsel. The Court granted their fee approval request, and Class Counsel’s fees and expenses have been deducted from the Settlement Amount, in the total amount of \$5,041,384.17, plus HST of \$705,793.78 CAD, as approved by the Court.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

5. How do I get more information?

You can obtain more information about this case by contacting Class Counsel using the details listed below:

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