

## **Google Street View Class Action Notice of Settlement Approval Hearing**

Detailed information and updates are available on the Settlement Website at the following address: [www.clg.org](http://www.clg.org)

A proposed Canada-wide Settlement has been reached in a class action relating to the alleged collection of payload data containing fragments of electronic data and communications by Google Street View vehicles and is subject to Court approval.

### **WHO IS INCLUDED?**

You may be a Class Member if fragments of electronic data and communications sent or received on wireless internet connections were acquired by a Google Inc. Street View vehicle between March 30, 2009 and May 7, 2010. Note that in order for this to have been the case, the wireless internet connection would have to have been unsecured, and the information would have to have been broadcasted over an identified network at the instant a Google Street View vehicle drove by.

### **WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?**

The lawsuit claims that Google Inc. Street View vehicles acquired parts of electronic data and communications sent or received on unsecured wireless internet connections between March 30, 2009 and May 7, 2010. In order to view such data, it would have to be decoded using sophisticated technology or programming, such as crypto-analysis. The lawsuit does not allege that such decoding occurred, or that the Defendants actually viewed any of the data. Moreover, the data was segregated and it was never used, in any manner, by the Defendants. The Defendants deny having done anything wrong.

### **WHAT DOES THIS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?**

Pursuant to the proposed Settlement, a Settlement Amount of \$1,000,000 would be used to fund a research project at the University of Ottawa and the University of Montreal for a research program dealing with internet data protection and privacy risks and to pay Notice Costs, Class Counsel Fees and Expenses (\$300,000 plus applicable taxes), in addition to an Indemnity (\$500) and Honourarium Award (\$4,500) to the Representative Plaintiff. The majority of the Settlement Amount would be used to fund research on data protection and privacy risks because it is impossible to identify and directly compensate individual class members.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?**

If you are a Class Member, you may (1) object to the Settlement; (2) exclude yourself; and/or (3) do nothing. If you don't want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself. To do so, you must complete and submit an Opt-Out Form to Class Counsel by no later than **April 20, 2018**, using the form found on the Settlement Website. Anyone who opts out cannot object to the Settlement and may be eligible to pursue an individual claim. If you do nothing, you will stay in the Class.

If you stay in the Class, you may object to the Settlement by submitting a written objection to the Court by no later than **May 14, 2018**.

## **WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OR NOT?**

The Superior Court of Quebec must be satisfied that the Settlement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of Class Members.

The Settlement Approval Hearing will take place on **May 28, 2018 at 9:15 A.M. in room 2.08** (or any other courtroom which will be indicated by the posting of a sign outside of courtroom 2.08) at the Montreal Courthouse located at 1 Notre-Dame St. East, Montreal, Quebec.

You do not have to attend the hearing but you may do so if you wish. If you have submitted a written objection to the Court, you (or your lawyer) may present arguments with regards to the proposed Settlement.

## **HOW CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?**

The Settlement Agreement and further detailed information are on the Settlement Website at [www.clg.org](http://www.clg.org).

## **WHO REPRESENTS THE CLASS MEMBERS?**

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***This Notice has been approved by the Superior Court of Quebec.***