

The Davies Commission

Inquiry into the Death of Frank Paul

William H. Davies, Q.C., Commissioner

MEDIA RELEASE

INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF FRANK PAUL SCHEDULED TO RESUME IN NOVEMBER

Vancouver, BC (August 19, 2010): The William H. Davies, Q.C. Commission of Inquiry (the Davies Commission) into the death of Frank Paul plans to reconvene this November.

Hearings have been tentatively scheduled to resume on Wednesday, November 3rd, and continue through the following week ending Friday, November 12th. The hearings will once again be held at the Federal Court of Canada facility located on the eighth floor at 701 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Commission will hear testimony regarding the response from the Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of the Attorney General, following the death of Mr. Frank Joseph Paul in December of 1998.

A schedule of witnesses who will provide testimony at the hearings will be made available this fall, once the list has been confirmed.

On March 12th, 2009, Commissioner Davies issued an Interim Report which reported on all aspects of the inquiry's mandate, except as it related to the Criminal Justice Branch. The Interim Report contains a number of recommendations for the treatment of homeless chronic alcoholics and the criminal and professional standards investigations of police-related deaths.

On April 8th, 2010, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed an application for leave to appeal by the Criminal Justice Branch, regarding an earlier judgment from the Court of Appeal for British Columbia. The court had ruled that the Commissioner may inquire into the Criminal Justice Branch's response to Mr. Paul's death.

By Order-in-Council made April 29, 2010, the Lieutenant Governor in Council established the Commission's terms of reference to inquire into these matters, and extended the term of the Commission's mandate.

The Commission's Interim Report is available on the Commission's website at www.daviescommission.ca

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