

# **The Davies Commission**

## **Inquiry into the Death of Frank Paul William H. Davies, Q.C., Commissioner**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **WITNESS LIST FOR INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF FRANK PAUL**

**Vancouver, BC (November 1, 2010):** The William H. Davies, Q.C. Commission of Inquiry (the Davies Commission) has identified a tentative list of witnesses expected to appear at the inquiry into the death of Frank Paul, which resumes this week.

Hearings are scheduled to resume on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and continue into the following week at courtroom 601 of the Federal Court of Canada facility at 701 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Commission expects to hear testimony from several witnesses, based on the following schedule, which may be subject to change (all titles below refer to the witness' position at the relevant times):

Wednesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 4

- Gregory Fitch – Director of Legal Services, Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General

Friday, November 5

- No witnesses presently scheduled (subject to change)

Monday, November 8

- Robert Gillen, Q.C. – Assistant Deputy Attorney General
- Joyce DeWitt Van Oosten – Crown Counsel, Legal Services Team, Criminal Justice Branch

Tuesday, November 9

- Austin Cullen – Regional Crown Counsel, Vancouver
- Michael Hicks – Regional Crown Counsel, Vancouver

Following these hearing dates, the Commission is also expected to schedule up to two days of policy hearings. Dates and locations for those hearings will be announced at a future date.

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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.

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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.

Updates and the Commission's Interim Report are available on the Commission's website at [www.daviescommission.ca](http://www.daviescommission.ca)

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