



Report of the Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild

Honourable Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner

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On Thursday, February 20, 2003, Justice Minister Eric Cline, Q.C., announced the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Justice David Wright of the Court of Queen's Bench to conduct an inquiry into the death of Neil Stonechild.

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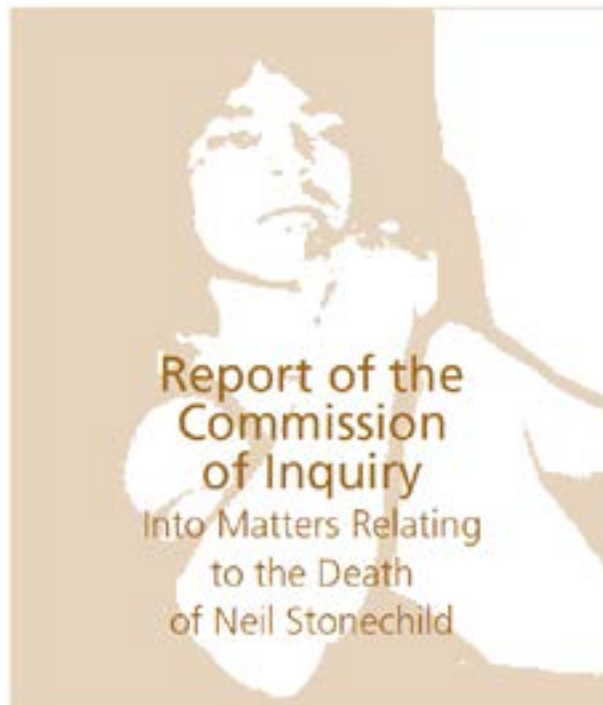
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Commission of Inquiry appointed pursuant to this Order will have the responsibility to inquire into any and all aspects of the circumstances that resulted in the death of Neil Stonechild, and the conduct of the investigation into the death of Neil Stonechild for the purpose of making findings and recommendations with respect to the administration of criminal justice in the province of Saskatchewan. The Commission shall report its findings and make such recommendations as it considers advisable.

The Commission shall perform its duties without expressing any conclusion or recommendation regarding the civil or criminal responsibility of any person or organization, and without interfering in any ongoing police investigation related to the death of Neil Stonechild or any ongoing criminal or civil proceeding.

The Commission shall complete its inquiry and deliver its final report containing its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General. The report must be in a form appropriate for release to the public, subject to The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and other laws.

The Commission shall have the power to hold public hearings but may, at the discretion of the commissioner, hold some proceedings in camera.

The Commission shall, as an aspect of its duties, determine applications by those parties, if any, or those witnesses, if any, to the public inquiry that apply to the Commission to have their legal counsel paid for by the Commission, and further, determine at what rate such Counsel shall be paid for their services.



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THE COMMISSIONER

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DAVID HENRY WRIGHT

Mr. Justice Wright graduated from the University of Saskatchewan (B.A. and LL.B.) in 1955. He articulated with the law firm of Milliken & Milliken of Regina and was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1956. Mr. Justice Wright joined the firm of MacDermid & Co. in 1956, progressing to senior partner in 1960.

Justice Wright is a Past Provincial President of the Canadian Bar Association and Past Vice-chairman of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan and regular lecturer at the Bar Admission Course. Mr. Justice Wright was appointed a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan since 1981. In 1992, Justice Wright took education leave and taught as a regular faculty member at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan (Civil Procedure, Ethics).



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Commission Counsel and Staff

JOEL A. HESJE, Commission Counsel

Mr. Hesje graduated from the University of Saskatchewan (LL.B. and B.A.) in 1983. He articulated to the late former Chief Justice Frederick Johnson and former Chief Justice Mary Batten, of the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan and was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1984. Hesje joined the firm of McKercher McKercher and Whitmore in 1986 and has been a partner since 1990.

Hesje practices in the area of Civil Litigation. He has extensive experience in the trial and appellate courts of Saskatchewan and has appeared as counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Hesje has been a sessional lecturer at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, and has presented numerous papers at Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Seminars and Canadian Bar Association meetings. He is currently a Director of the Saskatchewan Legal Education Society, and a member of the Canadian Bar Association.

CANDACE CONGRAM, Executive Director

Candace Congram comes to the Commission from the Communications and Public Education branch of Saskatchewan Justice and Saskatchewan Corrections and Public Safety. Previously, Ms. Congram held a Director position for a Saskatchewan Communications firm and has served as a Communications Consultant for private and non-profit agencies. Ms. Congram is currently a member of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).

DAVID STACK, Assistant Commission Counsel

David Stack graduated from the University of Saskatchewan (LL.B. [great distinction] and B.A. [great distinction]) in 1999. Mr. Stack joined the firm of McKercher McKercher & Whitmore in 1999 and articulated under John R. Beckman, Q.C.

Mr. Stack practices in the area of Civil Litigation. He has experience in all levels of court in Saskatchewan and has appeared as assistant counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada.

In 2001-2002, Mr. Stack lectured at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan as Assistant Professor of Law. He has prepared a number of articles for publication by the Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Seminars, the Canadian Bar Association, and the Saskatchewan Law Review. He is currently a member of the Canadian Bar Association.

MELVA OLSEN

Secretary/Receptionist



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF NEIL STONECHILD

- The body of Neil Stonechild was found in the north industrial area of Saskatoon in November 1990. The original investigation determined the cause of death was probable hypothermia.
- In February 2000, the bodies of Rodney Naistus and Lawrence Wegner were found in an industrial area of Saskatoon, near the Queen Elizabeth Power Station. The first investigation of these deaths determined that both had died of probable hypothermia.
- Also in February 2000, Darrell Night came forward and alleged that two Saskatoon Police Service officers picked him up, drove him outside the city and dropped him off in sub-zero weather to walk back to Saskatoon.
- The Minister of Justice, at the request of the Saskatoon Chief of Police, requested that the RCMP undertake an investigation into the circumstances leading to the deaths of Mr. Naistus and Mr. Wegner. The investigation was to include a full review of related allegations that members of the Saskatoon Police Service had engaged in the practice of transporting and abandoning individuals at the outskirts of the city.
- As a result, the RCMP investigation also included the circumstances leading to the deaths of Lloyd Dustyhorn in January 2000, Darcy Dean Ironchild in February 2000, and Neil Stonechild in November 1990.
- The investigation of the incident reported by Mr. Night resulted in the conviction of two Saskatoon Police Service officers for unlawful confinement.
- The investigations of the deaths of Mr. Dustyhorn, Mr. Ironchild and Mr. Naistus were concluded and it was determined that, based on the evidence, charges were not warranted. The Minister of Justice then ordered Coroner's Inquests into the three deaths. These inquests have been completed.
- The investigation of the death of Mr. Stonechild was concluded and it was determined that there is not sufficient evidence to lay charges. However, there was evidence that Mr. Stonechild had contact with members of the Saskatoon Police Service on the day he was last seen alive.
- On February 20, 2003, the Minister of Justice for Saskatchewan announced the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Justice D. H. Wright to conduct a Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild.
- The purpose of the Inquiry is not to determine criminal or civil responsibility. Rather, its purpose is to conduct a public inquiry into the circumstances that resulted in the death of Mr. Stonechild, including the nature and extent of contact between Mr. Stonechild and members of the Saskatoon Police Service. The Commission is also to look into the way in which the 1990 investigation of Mr. Stonechild's death was conducted.
- Commissioner Wright has designated Mr. Joel A. Hesje of Saskatoon as Commission Counsel.
- The Commission is to deliver its final report and recommendations to the Saskatchewan Minister of Justice.



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SCHEDULE

Date	Location
September 8, 9, 10, 11 September 15, 16, 17, 18	Radisson Hotel Michelangelo A 405 – 20th Street East Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
September 22, 23, 24, 25 October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Sheraton Cavalier Top of the Inn/Centre Room 612 Spadina Crescent East Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
October 14, 15, 16	Radisson Hotel Michelangelo A 405 – 20th Street East Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
October 20, 21, 22, 23	Centennial Auditorium Centennial Hall C 35 – 22nd Street East Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
November 24, 25, 26, 27 November 28 until noon	Sheraton Cavalier Top of the Inn/Centre Room 612 Spadina Crescent East Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
January 5 – 9, 2004	Top of the Inn Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
March 8 – 12, 2004	Centre Room Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
March 15 – 19, 2004	Michelangelo A Radisson Hotel Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
May 18-19, 2004	Top of the Inn Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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Pre-hearing Applications

Monday, June 9

9:00 a.m.

Delta Bessborough Hotel, Salon Batoche Room

601 Spadina Crescent East

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Standing and Funding Hearings

The following applications for standing and funding have been received by the Commission and will be heard by Mr. Justice David Wright commencing at 10:00 am on

April 30, 2003 at the Delta Bessborough Hotel,

Battleford Room,

601 Spadina Crescent East,

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Applications for Standing and Funding will be heard in the following order:

Name of Applicant	Legal Representation
Stella Bignell	Semaganis Worme & Missens Mr. Don Worme
Constable Larry Hartwig	McDougall Gauley Mr. Aaron Fox Mr. Christopher Boychuk
Constable Bradley Raymond Senger	Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson Mr. Jay Watson
Saskatoon Police Service	City of Saskatoon Solicitor's Office Mr. Barry Rossmann
Saskatoon City Police Association	Walker, Plaxton & Co Mr. Drew Plaxton
RCMP	Department of Justice Canada Mr. Bruce Gibson
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations	Mr. Silas Halyk Ms. Catherine Knox



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INQUIRY WITNESS LIST

Date	Witness
Monday, September 08	Stella Stonechild Bignell Debra Mason Jerry Mason Patricia Pickard
Tuesday, September 09	Patricia Pickard (cont'd) Marcel Stonechild Jason Roy
Wednesday, September 10	Jason Roy (cont'd)
Thursday, September 11	Jason Roy (cont'd)
Monday, September 15	Jason Roy (cont'd) Lucille Horse
Tuesday, September 16	Lucille Horse (cont'd) Gary Horse Brenda Valiaho
Wednesday, September 17	Dr. Graeme Dowling Trent Ewart Fr. Andre Poilievre
Thursday, September 18	Fr. Andre Poilievre (cont'd) Flora Binning Shelley Grigorovich Perry Szabo Tracy Horse
Monday, September 22	Kevin Lewis Diana Fraser Erica Stonechild Rene Lagimodiere
Tuesday, September 23	Brian Fern Rene Lagimodiere (cont'd)
Wednesday, September 24	Rene Lagimodiere (cont'd) Jack Adolph Brett Maki
Thursday, September 25	Richard Harms Julie Binning Cheryl Antoine Bruce Genaille

Date	Witness
Monday, October 6	Robert Morton Michael Petty
Tuesday, October 7	Raymond Pfeil Gregory Robert Geoffrey Brand
Wednesday, October 8	Geoffery Brand Ernie Louttit
Thursday, October 9	Ernie Louttit (cont'd) James Drader James Brooks
Friday, October 10	Jack Heiser Bruce Bolton
Tuesday, October 14	Glen Winslow Theodore Johnson Neil Wylie Eli Tarasoff
Wednesday, October 15	John Woodley Frank Simpson Donald Montague Joe Penkala
Thursday, October 16	Joe Penkala (cont'd) Charles Moore
Monday, October 20	Joe Penkala Gary Robertson
Tuesday, October 21	Gary Robertson (cont'd)
Wednesday, October 22	Gary Robertson (cont'd) Keith Jarvis
Thursday, October 23	Kirk Dyck
Monday, November 24	Keith Jarvis (cont'd)
Tuesday, November 25	Keith Jarvis (cont'd)
Wednesday, November 26	Keith Jarvis (cont'd)
Thursday, November 27	David Scott
Friday, November 28	James Maddin



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Monday, January 5, 2004	James Maddin (cont'd) Larry Flysak John Richardson
Tuesday, January 6	John Richardson (cont'd) Murray Zoorkan
Wednesday, January 7	Darrell McFadyen Gary Pratt
Friday, January 9	Daniel Wiks (cont'd)
Monday, March 8	Daniel Wiks (cont'd)
Tuesday, March 9	Daniel Wiks (cont'd)
Wednesday, March 10	Daniel Wiks (cont'd) Dr. Jim Arnold
Thursday, March 11	Daniel Wiks (cont'd) Dave Wilton
Friday, March 12	Dr. John Yuille
Monday, March 15	Dave Wilton Cst. Lawrence Hartwig
Tuesday, March 16	Cst. Lawrence Hartwig (con't)
Wednesday, March 17	Dr. Emma Lew
Thursday, March 18	Cst. Bradley Senger



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January 2004 Monday, Jan. 5, 2004 Tuesday, Jan.6, 2004 Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004 Friday, Jan 9, 2004	March 2004 Monday, March 8, 2004 Tuesday, March 9, 2004 Wednesday, March 10, 2004 Thursday, March 11, 2004 Friday, March 12, 2004 Monday, March 15, 2004 Tuesday, March 16, 2004 Wednesday, March 17, 2004 Thursday, March 18, 2004	May 2004 Tuesday, May 18, 2004 Wednesday, May 19, 2004



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Party	Counsel	Status	Ruling
Stella Bignell (Stonechild family)	Donald Worme, Q.C. Semaganis Worme & Missens	Standing and Funding	Ruling on Standing and Funding Ruling on Alternate Counsel for Stella Bignell Ruling on Various Applications for Additional Funding
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN)	Silas Halyk, Q.C. Halyk Kennedy Knox	Standing and Funding	Ruling on Standing and Funding Ruling on Conflict of Interest Application Ruling on Various Applications for Additional Funding
Saskatoon Police Service	Barry Rossmann, Q.C. City of Saskatoon Solicitor's Office	Standing	Ruling on Standing and Funding
Saskatoon City Police Association	Drew Plaxton Walker Plaxton & Co.	Standing	Ruling on Standing and Funding Ruling on Various Applications for Additional Funding
Cst. Larry Hartwig	Aaron Fox, Q.C. McDougal Gauley	Standing and Funding	Ruling on Standing and Funding Ruling on Various Applications for Additional Funding
Cst. Bradley Senger	Jay Watson Cuelenaere Kendall Katzman Watson & Hagen	Standing and Funding	Ruling on Standing and Funding Ruling on Various Applications for Additional Funding
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)	Bruce Gibson Department of Justice (Canada)	Standing	Ruling on Application of Keith Douglas Jarvis Ruling on Various Applications for Additional Funding
Keith Jarvis	Kenneth Stevenson, Q.C. Priel Stevenson Hood & Thornton	Standing and Funding	Ruling on Application of Keith Douglas Jarvis Ruling on Various Applications for Additional Funding
Gary Pratt	Mark Brayford, Q.C. Brayford Shapiro	Standing and Funding	Ruling on Gary Pratt's Application for Standing and Funding
Jason Roy	Darren Winegarden Winegarden Parsons	Limited Standing Limited Funding	Ruling on Roy Application Ruling on Jason Roy's Second Application for Standing and Funding
Deputy Chief Daniel Wiks	Richard Danyliok	Standing and Funding	Ruling on Deputy Chief Dan Wiks Application for Standing and Funding



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MEDIA ADVISORIES

September 24, 2004

FINAL REPORT DELIVERED TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of the Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has now delivered his final report to the Minister of Justice of the Province of Saskatchewan. The Commission's work is now concluded.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

May 12, 2004

ORDER OF CLOSING SUBMISSIONS

Commissioner David Wright has set aside May 18, 19, and 20, 2004, to hear closing submissions by all parties to the Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild. The hearing will be located at the Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and will sit from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Submissions will be heard in the following order:

Party	Counsel	Time Allowed
Saskatoon Police Service	Barry Rossmann, Q.C.	1.5 hours
Gary Pratt	Mark Brayford, Q.C.	1 hour
Deputy Chief Daniel Wiks	Richard Danyliuk	0.5 hours
Cst. Lawrence Hartwig	Aaron Fox, Q.C.	1.5 hours
RCMP	Bruce Gibson	1 hour
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations	Silas Halyk, Q.C.	1.5 hours
Saskatoon Police Association	Drew Plaxton	1.5 hours
Keith Jarvis	Kenneth Stevenson, Q.C.	1.5 hours
Cst. Bradley Senger	Jay Watson	1.5 hours
Jason Roy	Darren Winegarden	1 hour
Stella Bignell	Donald Worme, Q.C.	1.5 hours

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May 12, 2004

RULING ON WIKS APPLICATION

Please be advised that Deputy Chief Daniel Wiks of the Saskatoon Police Service has applied to the Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild for standing and funding to allow his counsel to make closing submissions on his behalf. Commissioner David H. Wright has released his ruling on this application, which may be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

March 29, 2004

CLOSING SUBMISSIONS SCHEDULED

Commissioner David Wright has set aside May 18, 19, and 20, 2004, to hear closing submissions by all parties to the Commission. This schedule will allow counsel time to prepare both written and oral submissions. The hearing will be located at the Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and will sit from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

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March 18, 2004

RULING ON APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released his ruling related to the Applications for Additional Funding made on behalf of Stella Bignell and Lawrence Hartwig. This Ruling also includes Commissioner Wright's decision on funding for final submissions.

The ruling can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 4, 2004

PUBLIC HEARING RESUMES

The Stonechild Inquiry public hearing will resume on Monday, March 8, 2004 at the Centre Room, Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The Commission will sit from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8 and return to its regular schedule, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

Please visit www.stonechildinquiry.ca for the current witness list.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 27, 2004

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Week of March 8th to 12th and March 15th to 19th

Public hearings resume March 8, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. in the Centre Room, Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The witness schedule for the weeks of March 8th and March 15th (inclusive) follows:

Deputy Chief Dan Wiks

David Wilton

Dr. Jim Arnold

Cst. Lawrence Hartwig

Dr. John Yuille

Cst. Bradley Senger

Dr. Emma Lew

Please note, this schedule is subject to change. Witnesses may not appear in this order.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

December 30, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Week of January 5 – 9, 2004

Public hearings resume January 5, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at the Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The witness schedule for the week follows:

Jim Maddin
Larry Flysak
Dr. Steven Richardson
Deputy Chief Dan Wiks
Chief Superintendent Darrel McFadyen
Staff Sergeant Murray Zoorkan
Gary Pratt

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MEDIA ADVISORY

December 11, 2003

REVISED HEARING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2004

Commissioner David Wright has revised the March 2004 hearing schedule as follows:

March 8 - 12, 2004

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
Centre Room
Sheraton Cavalier
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

March 15 – 19, 2004

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
Michelangelo A
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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

The Commission will resume hearing testimony the week of January 5 – 9, 2004. The hearings will take place at the Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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November 28, 2003

RULING ON PRATT STANDING AND FUNDING APPLICATION

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released his ruling related to the Standing and Funding application of Mr. Gary Pratt.

The ruling can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca/commissionrulings.shtml.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 25, 2003

PRATT STANDING AND FUNDING APPLICATION RECEIVED

Please be advised that the Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild has received an application for Standing and Funding from Gary Pratt.

A copy of the application is available from the Commission office.

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November 21, 2003

PUBLIC HEARING RESUMES, WITNESS SCHEDULE REVISED

The Stonechild Inquiry public hearing will resume at 9:30 a.m. on November 24, 2003 at the Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The Commission will sit from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

Please note, the witness schedule for the week of November 24th to November 28th has been revised as follows:

Gary Pratt
Keith Jarvis
Ken Lyons
Jack Warner
Robert Martell
Dave Scott
S/Sgt. Murray Zoorkan
Jim Maddin

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November 13, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Week of November 24 – November 28, 2003

9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Gary Pratt
Ken Lyons
Jack Warner
Robert Martell
Keith Jarvis
Dave Wilton
Dave Scott
Larry Flysak
Jim Maddin

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November 6, 2003

REVISED HEARING SCHEDULE

Commissioner David Wright has now scheduled additional hearing dates as follows:

November 24 – 28, 2003

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Friday

Top of the Inn

Sheraton Cavalier

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

January 5 – 9, 2004

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

Top of the Inn

Sheraton Cavalier

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

March 15 – 19, 2004

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

Michelangelo A

Radisson Hotel

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

March 22 – 26, 2004

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

Top of the Inn

Sheraton Cavalier

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

The two weeks in March have been booked to deal with any remaining testimony and to accommodate closing submissions.

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October 21, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Gary Robertson (cont'd)

Keith Jarvis

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October 17, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 20 – Thursday, October 23

Joe Penkala (cont.)

Gary Robertson

David Wilton

Larry Flysak

Kirk Dyck

Keith Jarvis

Bradley Senger

Dave Scott

Lawrence Hartwig

Dennis Read

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October 15, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Frank Simpson
Chuck Moore
Murray Montague
David Scott
Joe Penkala

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October 14, 2003

ADDITIONAL WEEK ADDED TO SCHEDULE

Commissioner David Wright today announced that an additional week will be added to the hearing schedule. The Commission will hear testimony from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily on November 24 –November 27, and from 9:30 a.m. until noon on November 28. The hearing will take place at the Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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October 10, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 14 – Thursday, October 16

Neil Wylie
Eli Tarasoff
Frank Simpson
Murray Montague
Joe Penkala
John Woodley
David Scott
Chuck Moore
Kirk Dyck
John Middleton

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October 8, 2003

RULING ON ROY STANDING AND FUNDING APPLICATION

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released a ruling related to a second application by Jason Roy for Standing and Funding.

The ruling can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca.

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October 8, 2003

RULING ON VARIOUS APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released a ruling related to various applications for additional funding.

The ruling can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca.

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October 7, 2003

RULING ON SASKATOON POLICE ASSOCIATION APPLICATIONS

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released his ruling related to the Saskatoon Police Association applications to authorize disclosure of documents and information to various persons. The ruling can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca.

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October 6, 2003

ROY HEARING RESCHEDULED

At the request of Counsel representing Jason Roy, the Standing and Funding application hearing will be deferred until Wednesday, October 8 at 9:30 a.m.. The hearing will take place at the Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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October 3, 2003

ROY STANDING AND FUNDING HEARING

On Monday, October 6, 2003, commencing at 9:30 a.m., Commissioner David Wright will hear an application for Standing and Funding for Jason Roy, along with applications to authorize disclosure of documents and information to various persons.

The hearing will take place at the Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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October 3, 2003

CHANGE IN HEARING HOURS

Starting Monday, October 6, 2003, hearings will commence at 9:30 a.m. and run until 5:00 p.m. daily.

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October 2, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 6 – Friday, October 10

Bob Morton
S/Sgt Michael Petty
Cst. Gregory Robert
Raymond Pfeil
Sgt. Neil Wylie
Cst. Geoffrey Brand
Cst. Ernie Louttit
Keith Jarvis
Sgt. James Brooks
Sgt. John Woodley
Sgt. Dennis Read
Ed Drader
S/Sgt. Bruce Bolton
Glen Winslow
Theodore Johnson
David Wilton
Bob Morrison
Joe Penkala
Gary Pratt

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October 1, 2003

SECOND ROY APPLICATION RECEIVED

Please be advised that The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild received a second application for Standing and Funding from Jason Roy on September 30, 2003. A copy of the application is available from the Commission office. Media will be advised when a date is set for the hearing of this application.

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September 29, 2003

RULING ON JARVIS APPLICATION RELEASED

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released his ruling related to Keith Jarvis' application for standing and funding. The ruling can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca.

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September 19, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 22 – Thursday, September 25

Dianna Fraser
Cst. Kevin Lewis
Erica Stonechild
Rene Lagimodiere
Cheryl Antoine
Dr. Brian Fern
Cst. Brett Maki
Jason Stonechild
Richard Harms
Julie Binning
Sgt. John Middleton
Bob Morton
S/Sgt. Michael Petty
Dr. Jack Adolph
S/Sgt. Raymond Pfiel
Sgt. Neil Wylie
Cst. Geoffrey Brand
Cst. Ernie Louttit

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September 18, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 18

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Father Andre Poilievre

Flora Binning

Shelley Grigorovich

Bruce Genaille

Tracy Horse

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September 17, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Dr. Graeme Dowling

Trent Ewart

Flora Binning

Sharon Night

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September 12, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 15, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Jason Roy

Lucille Neetz-Horse

Gary Horse

Trent Ewart

Flora Binning

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Brenda Valiaho

Dianna Fraser

Father Andre Poilievre

Erica Stonechild

Richard Harms

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Graeme Dowling

Cst. Perry Szabo

Jack Heiser

Thursday, September 18, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Chuck Moore

Bruce Genaille

Tracy Horse

Shelly Grigorovich

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September 10, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 11, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Jason Roy, Neil Stonechild's friend

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 9, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Jason Roy, Neil Stonechild's friend

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September 8, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Pat Pickard, Youth Group Home Operator
Marcel Stonechild, Neil Stonechild's Brother
Jason Roy, Neil Stonechild's friend

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 5, 2003

WITNESS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 8, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Stella Bignell, Neil Stonechild's mother
Debbie Mason, Neil Stonechild's aunt
Gerry Mason, Neil Stonechild's uncle
Marcel Stonechild, Neil Stonechild's brother
Pat Pickard, Youth Group Home Operator
Jason Roy, Neil Stonechild's friend

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September 4, 2003

STONECHILD INQUIRY HEARINGS COMMENCE

Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, will begin hearing evidence at 10:00 a.m. on September 8, 2003 at the Radisson Hotel Saskatoon, Michelangelo A Room, 405 – 20th Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The Commission will inquire into the circumstances that resulted in the death of Neil Stonechild and the conduct of the investigation into the death of Neil Stonechild for the purpose of making findings and recommendations with respect to the administration of criminal justice in the Province of Saskatchewan.

The complete hearing schedule, including dates and locations, can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca.

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

August 11, 2003

STONECHILD INQUIRY SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, today announced that the Commission will begin hearing evidence on September 8, 2003. Hearings are expected to run until October 23, 2003.

The Commission will sit from approximately 10:00 am until 4:30 pm daily, Monday to Thursday, for the weeks of September 8, 15, and 22, and October 6, 13, and 20. Please note, the Commission will not sit on Monday, October 13 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Instead, the Commission will sit an extra day on Friday, October 10.

The complete schedule, including dates and locations, can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca.

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July 2, 2003

RULING ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST APPLICATION RELEASED

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released his ruling related to the Saskatoon City Police Association application for the removal of Robertson Stromberg as counsel to the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

The ruling can be found at <http://www.stonechildinquiry.ca/pdf/ConflictRuling.pdf>.

The Commission will begin hearing evidence on September 8th, 2003. Further details regarding the schedule will be released at a later date.

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June 13, 2003

RULING ON ROY APPLICATION RELEASED

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released his ruling related to Jason Roy's application for standing and funding.

The ruling can be found at <http://www.stonechildinquiry.ca/jasonroy.shtml>

The Commission will begin hearing evidence on September 8th, 2003. Further details regarding the schedule will be released at a later date.

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June 4, 2003

STONECHILD INQUIRY PRE-HEARING APPLICATIONS

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, will hear two additional pre-hearing applications on Monday, June 9, 2003, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the Delta Bessborough Hotel, Salon Batoche Room, 601 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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May 13, 2003

RULING ON STANDING AND FUNDING RELEASED

Please be advised that Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner of The Commission of Inquiry Into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild, has released his ruling related to standing and funding.

The ruling can be found at www.stonechildinquiry.ca/ruling.shtml

The Commission will begin its hearings on September 8th, 2003. Further details regarding the schedule will be released at a later date.

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April 29, 2003

Commission of Inquiry into Matters Relating to the Death of Neil Stonechild Standing and Funding Hearings

The following applications for standing and funding have been received by the Commission and will be heard by Mr. Justice David Wright commencing at 10:00 am on:

April 30, 2003 at the Delta Bessborough Hotel, Battleford Room, 601 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Applications for Standing and Funding will be heard in the following order:

Name of Applicant	Legal Representation
Stella Bignell	Semaganis Worme & Missens Mr. Don Worme
Constable Larry Hartwig	McDougall Gauley Mr. Aaron Fox Mr. Christopher Boychuk
Constable Bradley Raymond Senger	Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson Mr. Jay Watson
Saskatoon Police Service	City of Saskatoon Solicitor's Office Mr. Barry Rossmann
Saskatoon City Police Association	Walker, Plaxton & Co Mr. Drew Plaxton
RCMP	Department of Justice Canada Mr. Bruce Gibson
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations	Mr. Silas Halyk Ms. Catherine Knox

Two tables have been set aside in the hearing room for use by the media. A media box will be provided. Space has been set aside for cameras. The camera must be set up and ready at the time the hearing is called into session and it is not to be removed from the tripod at any time while the hearing is in session. The camera is to remain in place until a break in the hearing.

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Honourable Mr. Justice David H. Wright, Commissioner

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News Release

Released on February 20, 2003

INQUIRY CALLED INTO DEATH OF NEIL STONECHILD

Justice Minister Eric Cline, Q.C., today announced the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Justice David Wright of the Court of Queen's Bench to conduct an inquiry into the death of Neil Stonechild.

"The head office of the Public Prosecutions Division reviewed the RCMP investigation into the death of Neil Stonechild and determined that there is not sufficient evidence to lay charges," Cline said. "There is, however, evidence that Neil Stonechild had contact with members of the Saskatoon Police Service on the day he was last seen alive."

The appointment was made by Order-in-Council, which also outlines the terms of reference for the inquiry. The inquiry will have the responsibility to inquire into any and all aspects of the circumstances that resulted in the death of Neil Stonechild, and the conduct of the investigation into the death of Neil Stonechild.

Joel Hesje, of Saskatoon, has been designated by the Inquiry Commissioner as Commission Counsel. Hesje indicated that over the next few weeks the Commission will establish the infrastructure and processes required to complete the inquiry.

The Commission will deliver its final report and recommendations to the Minister of Justice.

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