**MISSING** WOMEN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY



Dear Chief Metcalf:

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At the outset I would like to express my gratitude for the Invaluable assistance that the Peel Regional Police Service has so willingly provided to the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry (MWCI). Your assistance will play a significant part in achieving the goals of this Commission. Deputy Chief (DC) Evans' time and expertise and that of her colleagues (Acting/Detective Sergeants Ramore and Wingate) is greatly appreciated.

As you know the Terms of Reference for the MWCI include:

- to inquire into and make findings of fact respecting the conduct of the missing women" investigations";
- "to recommend changes considered necessary respecting the initiation and conduct of investigations in British Columbia of missing women and suspected multiple homicides;" and
- "to recommend changes considered necessary respecting homicide investigations in British Columbia by more than one investigating organization, including the co-ordination of those investigations."

We believe that, based on her experience and expertise, DC Evans will be able to assist the Commissioner by reviewing these matters and, if appropriate, provide the MWCI with an independent expert opinion with respect to these particular issues. DC Evans understands that any document that she may rely upon in forming her expert opinion must be able to form part of the evidentiary record of the MWCI.

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At the outset we believe that DC Evans' assistance will relate to "missing women investigations" as defined in our Terms of Reference, or the so-called "Pickton" investigation. This matter will be the subject of a public hearing in Vancouver.

We believe that DC Evans will also be able to provide expertise and assistance in a series of unsolved homicides that have occurred in northern British Columbia, sometimes referred to as the "Highway of Tears" murders. At this stage we do not anticipate that there will be any public hearings held, but this Commission will be making recommendations with respect to this ongoing human tragedy.

During the course of her work, we anticipate that DC Evans will review numerous documents and conduct interviews as she deems necessary. At the conclusion of her work we expect she will be returning all of her files to the MWCI for archiving.

Again, thank you.

Yours truly,

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