

IN THE MATTER OF THE CORNWALL PUBLIC INQUIRY

The Honourable G. Normand Glaude, Commissioner

**PHASE II SUBMISSIONS
OF THE VICTIMS GROUP**

**Executive Summary and Summary of
Recommendations**

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In its Phase II submissions, the Victims Group urged the Commissioner to make the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1 – Permanent, accessible counselling support

The Victims Group urges the Commissioner to echo the spirit of Recommendation #167 of the Goudge Commission by recommending that funding for counselling continue for a period of at least three years from the time the final report is issued.

The Victims Group urges the Commissioner to recommend that the Province immediately undertake a thorough examination of the current services provided to victims of sexual abuse, both male and female, for the purpose of thereafter establishing a consistent, long-term and province-wide program that ensures that support and counselling is available to those who so desperately need it.

**Recommendation #2 - The Men's Project specialized victim
treatment service centres**

We urge the Commissioner to recommend that The Men's Project be granted annualized funding to ensure that victim support is provided to males in this area.

We also adopt the submission of the Men's Project set out at page 2 of its submissions to the effect that specialized victim treatment service centres for male survivors of sexual abuse and/or sexual assault should be created province-wide.

Recommendation #3 – Support and Funding of Community-Based Projects

To that end, the Victims Group supports and recommends funding for the Adult Community Healing Resource Centre, as presented by the Survivor Leadership Team.

The Victims Group also supports funding for the implementation of a homeless shelter in Cornwall.

We also urge the Commissioner to recommend that Cornwall's victims and survivors be remembered through a monument and/or a day of recognition.

Recommendation #4 – Encourage Apologies

We strongly urge the Commissioner to recognize the importance of apologies in his Phase 2 report.

We recommend that the Commissioner stress in his report that his healing and reconciliation mandate is tied directly to the willingness of Cornwall's public institutions to take the first step.

Recommendation #5 - Public Awareness Campaign

We urge the Commissioner to recommend the creation and launch of a public awareness campaign focusing on child sexual abuse.

Recommendation #6 - Child Education Programs

We urge the Commissioner to recommend the design and implementation of mandatory sexual abuse education programs in all of Ontario's primary and secondary schools that teach children about sexual abuse and how to protect themselves.

Recommendation #7 – Specialized Training

The Victims Group urges the Commissioner to recommend the design and implementation of an interdisciplinary training program that would target community professionals such as teachers, nurses, police, and probation officers.

Recommendation #8 – Sexual Abuse Ombudsman

The Victims Group urges the Commissioner to recommend that a Sexual Abuse Ombudsman position be created in Ontario.

Recommendation #9 – Sentencing in sexual based offences

We urge the Commissioner to recommend that Ontario undertake a thorough review of sentencing practices in cases relating to childhood sexual abuse in order to determine whether Crown policies and procedures relating to these matters need to be revised in any way.