

**THE ELLIOT LAKE
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

The Honourable Paul R. Bélanger,
Commissioner



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D'ENQUÊTE ELLIOT LAKE**

L'honorable Paul R. Bélanger,
Commissaire

Ruling on Standing and funding – Alexandre Sennett

1. On July 9, 2013, I received an application for standing and funding from Alexandre Sennett seeking standing and funding for Part I of the Inquiry.

Standing

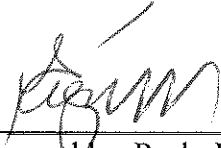
2. Mr. Sennett was retained by Eastwood Mall Inc. to provide various services to and for the Algo Mall from 2008 until 2011, including incorporating the company known as The Empire Roofing and Restoration Inc. Mr. Sennett was called as a witness in the Inquiry on May 14, 2013.
3. The material provided to me by counsel is sufficiently clear and compendious for me to waive the necessity of a formal hearing.
4. For the purpose of the determination of Mr. Sennett's application, I rely on my findings at pages 2 and 3 of my Ruling on Standing and Funding dated November 8, 2012.
5. I agree with Mr. Sennett's submissions that he has a substantial and direct interest in the subject matter of the Inquiry, particularly during the period of his involvement with Eastwood Mall Inc., the Algo Centre Mall and The Empire Roofing and Restoration Inc. I am also of the view that his participation would further the conduct of the Inquiry.
6. In light of the above, I exercise my discretion under Rule 8 of the *Revised Rules of Standing and Funding* to accept Mr. Sennett's application and grant him standing for Part I of the Inquiry, limited to issues arising out of his involvement with Levon Nazarian, Bob Nazarian, Eastwood Mall Inc., the Algo Mall and The Empire Roofing and Restoration Inc. I may be addressed at a later time for directions relating to the nature and extent of that limitation.

Funding

7. I agree that the material accompanying Mr. Sennett's application makes it clear that he does not have adequate financial resources to retain legal counsel to adequately represent him at the Inquiry.

8. For the purpose of the determination of Mr. Sennett's Standing and Funding motion, I rely on my findings at pages 2, 3 and 4 of my Ruling on Standing and Funding dated November 8, 2012.
9. I therefore recommend to the Attorney General that funding for one senior counsel and one junior counsel be provided to Mr. Sennett in accordance with the *Guidelines for Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Disbursements* consistent with the limitation on standing specified in paragraph 6, and that this funding be effective from July 9, 2013, and on the understanding that the funding for the junior counsel is for assistance in the review of documents and the preparation of counsel prior to the attendance at the hearing only. Funding is only being recommended for senior counsel to be present at the Inquiry.

ISSUED at Elliot Lake, Ontario, this 10th day of July, 2013.



The Honourable Paul R. Bélanger,
Commissioner