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VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Peter Engelmann
Commission Counsel
Cornwall Public Inquiry
709 Cotton Mill Street
Cornwall, ON K6H 7K7

Dear Mr. Engelmann:

Re: Cornwall Public Inquiry

We represent the Cornwall Community Police Services Board and the Cornwall Community Police Service (collectively the "Police Service") in the upcoming Cornwall Public Inquiry. I am writing on behalf of the Police Service to request standing for Part I and II of the Inquiry.

Part I of the Public Inquiry "will focus on the institutional response of the justice system ... in relation to allegations of historical abuse of young people in the Cornwall area, including the policies and practices then in place to respond to such allegations". The Police Service conducted the initial investigation of historical sexual abuse which is the subject of the inquiry. As a result, the Police Service is directly and substantially affected by Part I of the Inquiry.


Therefore, it is requested that the Police Service be given standing in accordance with section 5 (1) of the *Public Inquiries Act*.

Part II of the Inquiry will "focus on the process, services or programs that will encourage community healing and reconciliation in Cornwall". The Police Service will be integral to any recommendations arising from Part II of the Inquiry. Therefore, it is submitted that the Police Service is sufficiently affected by Part II of the Inquiry and they represent a distinct ascertainable interest that is essential to the mandate in Part II which ought to be separately represented before the Inquiry.

If you should require any further submissions with respect to the standing of our clients at the inquiry, please advise immediately.

Sincerely,

GOWLING LAFLEUR HENDERSON LLP



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