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November 9, 2005

Commissioner Glaude
The Cornwall Public Inquiry
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By Fax: (613) 938-7463

Dear Commissioner Glaude:

This is further to our presentation to you on Monday, and in particular, the issue of counselling support for the witnesses that will be involved in the Inquiry. **As we indicated we are very concerned that there be adequate safeguards, in place, to lessen the impact** of participating in the inquiry.

We are not sure what the most appropriate way to fund this would be. It may be possible for you to order funding, however upon reflection, this request may be more appropriate if it could be considered under the jurisdiction of your internal budget.

Our funder, the Ontario Victim Services Secretariat of the Ministry of the Attorney General (OVSS), has contributed additional funding in April 2005 so that The Men's Project could establish an office in Cornwall and provide one day per week of telephone intake/crisis services as well as two days/evenings per week of [clinical] counselling services for the victims of Project Truth/Cornwall Inquiry." We do not believe this to be sufficient. I am attaching an email from Ms. Cosette Chafe, Regional Manager of the Eastern Ontario office, outlining their position (Attachment #1).

We met with Mr. Rob Talich, of Ledroit Beckett,, and discussed what would be reasonable to request in terms of individual counselling services for those who reside in the Cornwall area, as well as out of town witnesses/victims and those who have already engaged in counseling services privately. We agreed that most witnesses would probably use our services, but for those who were already undergoing other therapy, or who did not want to use the Men's Project it would be important to have access to private counseling. Therefore, we are outlining a proposal that meets both of these needs.

First of all, we ask for funding for a full-time **Outreach and Support Services Counsellor** to be situated out of our Cornwall office. This person's duties would include:

- On-site outreach and support services to witnesses present at the Inquiry.
- Provision of crisis intervention and brief individual therapy as required.
- Psychotherapeutic services to family members of identified witnesses/survivors.

Please find attached a proposed job description for this position (Attachment #2). These duties are not covered by our existing contract with the Ontario Victim Services Secretariat (OVSS). However, as the OVSS is currently underwriting the costs of our Cornwall office, we are able to provide this request to you for only the staffing cost of this position:

Full time BSW/MSW Position:	\$50,000
Benefits (18%)	\$ 9,000
Financial Administration (10%)	<u>\$ 5,900</u>
Total Costs, per year:	<u>\$64,900</u>

We believe this first request will help ensure that witnesses/victims associated with the Inquiry will be supported, and by doing so, assisting the objectives of the Inquiry.

Secondly, we would recommend that **witnesses/victims involved in the Inquiry have access to funding for individual psychotherapy** with a therapist or treatment agency of their own choosing, in the locale in which they live (including The Men's Project, if they so wish). This arrangement would no doubt involve a session cap and a maximum number of sessions. Mr. Talich is investigating the cost of this. We believe this arrangement would be best managed through your office. We would be pleased to assist your staff in developing the protocol and conditions of this proposed work.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and we look forward participating in the success of the Inquiry.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc. Mr. David Bennett
cc. Mr. Rob Talich

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Sent: October 31, 2005 12:31 PM
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Cc: pgahlinger@themensproject.ca; Dupont, Diane (JUS)
Subject: RE: introductions, Law Commission Report, need to engage in victim/witness services for the Inquiry

Hi Rick,

Thank you for the link to the research paper. I believe it was one of many research papers commissioned by the Law Commission of Canada in preparation for the completion of its report "Restoring Dignity: Responding to Child Abuse in Canadian Institutions". This report and Executive Summary are available at http://www.lcc.gc.ca/research_project/child_abuse-en.asp. As you know, MAG has been funding The Men's Project since 1999, to provide counselling services for the victims of Project Truth and their families. While continuing to fund The Men's Project - Ottawa Services, we contributed additional funding in April 2005 so that The Men's Project could establish an office in Cornwall and provide one day per week of telephone intake/crisis services as well as two days/evenings per week of counselling services for the victims of Project Truth/Cornwall Inquiry.

The Ministry is not at this time in a position to discuss with you any additional services related to the Cornwall Inquiry (services over and above the counselling services that we currently fund The Men's Project to provide). *

I wish to take this opportunity to respond to the questions you asked in your email of September 17th, regarding Commission-related legal issues and the status of the OVSS review of services for adult male survivors.

The OVSS is unable to provide advice on whether The Men's Project should seek standing at the Commission, whether your organization might be considered as a public institution, or whether you would be a potential witness. You may wish to consult legal counsel. The Commission published a notice in newspapers across the country on September 27th, advising interested individuals and organizations of the application process for standing and/or funding. For additional information, you can log onto to the Cornwall Inquiry website at <http://cornwallinquiry.ca/>.

It would also be premature for the OVSS to make decisions at this time about the possible expansion of services for adult male survivors of sexual assault. The OVSS will determine the most effective approach to support male survivors of sexual assault after careful consideration of the Commission's findings, conclusions and recommendations.

I appreciate your ongoing commitment to the victims of Project Truth/Cornwall Inquiry.

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From: Rick Goodwin [mailto:rgoodwin@themensproject.ca]

Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2005 4:56 PM

To: Chafe, Cosette (JUS); Peter Engelman (p.engelman@jus.gov.on.ca)

Cc: Peter Gahlinger

Subject: introductions, Law Commission Report, need to engage in victim/witness services for the Inquiry

Dear Cosette and Peter:

Please pardon this joint email - however, you are the two folks that I have been discussing the needs of Cornwall survivors in light of the upcoming Inquiry.

At this time, I will introduce you two: Cosette Chafe is the Regional Manager for the Ontario Victims Services Secretariat (under MAG), and Peter is the lead counsel for the Inquiry.

I am forwarding you a link of the best material I have read lately in preparation

of the Inquiry - it is entitled : Research Paper: Review of The Needs of Victims of Institutional Abuse , submitted to the Law Commission of Canada by the Institute for Human Resource Development (IHRD). The web address is
<http://www.lcc.gc.ca/research_project/98_review_6-en.asp>

This analysis of the impact of victims going through an Inquiry (along with similar analyses for criminal, civil, and ADR approaches) echoes my agency's concerns about the special needs of witnesses, including the necessity for specialized counseling services for victims concurrent to legal processes.

You folks may know this research already. However, the situation as we approach the Inquiry is still unclear as to what resources can be made available to these victims. The article suggests that mental health services have a significant impact on the relative success of inquiries, at least in the eyes of those most affected. As our core funder and as lead counsel, I wish to highlight these findings.

I am taken by the concerns and sensitivities that you both have shown towards the needs of this vulnerable population. I do believe it is the mandate of our organization, however, to continue to dialogue with your two offices for a more substantive commitment to the male survivors in Cornwall.

On behalf of my Board, I wish to state our willingness to engage in building the necessary services to ensure a successful Inquiry and ensuring that these victims are given the resources they require for healing.

I am c.c. this letter to Mr. Peter Gahlinger, President, The Men's Project.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX B:

Proposed Position Description: Outreach and Support Services Counsellor

Position Title:	Outreach and Support Services Counsellor
Department:	Core Operations Group (COG)
Reporting to:	Executive Director
Category:	Full time
Last Updated:	November 2005
Hours of Work:	37.5 hours/week, Monday to Friday. Evening work required. Occasional off-hours required.
Location of Position:	Cornwall Office: 55 Water Street, Suite 240
Educational Requirement:	BSW/MSW or equivalent.
Experience Required:	2 years minimum in crisis intervention, trauma recovery, group services, and family work. A background in conflict resolution, victim/witness support and social justice experience will be highly valued.
Language of Service:	Bilingual (preferred).
Probationary Period:	As per agency Human Resources policy.

Duties of the Position:

- 1. Provide outreach and/or support services to witnesses/victims engaged with the Cornwall Inquiry:**

- Respond to enquiries (telephone, internet) for counselling services with The Men's Project or other identified counselling services.
- Attend the Inquiry periodically to engage with men who may be called as witnesses.
- Provide individual supportive counseling to men prior to, and following, their participation with the Inquiry.
- Engage with the Inquiry Counsel and other Inquiry staff to respond to particular mental health needs of witnesses/victims.

2. Provide crisis intervention and brief individual therapy to witnesses/victims engaged with the Cornwall Inquiry on request:

- Provide crisis counselling, including rapid response to such witnesses/victims as required.
- Provide assessment interviews, including such issues such as suicide risk, addiction or family violence.
- Coordinate client referrals to the clinical services offered by the OVSS-funded specialized victim treatment services in Cornwall and Ottawa (e.g., the Men & Healing group programs).
- Provide case coordination and referral services with outside agencies, as required.

3. Provide psychotherapeutic services to family members of identified witnesses/survivors engaged with the Cornwall Inquiry:

- Conduct brief individual and couple therapy with the partners of witnesses/victims as required.
- Provide psycho-educational and support group services for partners.
- Provide case coordination and referral services with outside agencies, including women's services and children's services, including the Children's Aid Society.

4. Attend to broader agency administrative duties including:

- Share in the administrative responsibility for maintenance of Cornwall office space with OVSS funded staff and the Executive Director.
- Network with other service providers in Cornwall, including such groups as the Family Violence Coordinating Committee.
- Take responsibility for all client records, stats, and file maintenance.
- Attend staff meetings, clinical supervision, and other meetings as required.
- Other duties as directed by the Executive Director.