

**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 – Thomas Derreck

1. On April 11, 2013, I received a motion for standing and funding from Thomas Derreck seeking standing and funding for Part I of the Inquiry.

Standing

2. Mr. Derreck was the Chief Administrative Officer (“CAO”) for the City of Elliot Lake from 10 October, 2006 until 24 July, 2007. It is expected that elected officials and employees of the City of Elliot Lake, including Mr. Derreck, will be called as witnesses at the Inquiry.
3. The material provided to me by counsel is sufficiently clear and compendious for me to waive the necessity of a formal hearing.
4. I agree with Mr. Derreck’s submissions that he has a substantial and direct interest in the subject matter of the Inquiry, particularly during the period of his tenure. I am also of the view that his participation would further the conduct of the Inquiry.
5. In light of the above, I exercise my discretion under Rule 8 of the *Revised Rules of Standing and Funding* to accept Mr. Derreck’s Motion and grant him standing for Part I of the Inquiry, limited to issues arising out of his tenure as CAO for the City of Elliot Lake. I may be addressed at a later time for directions relating to the nature and extent of that limitation.

Funding

6. I agree that the material accompanying Mr. Derreck’s application makes it clear that he does not have adequate financial resources to retain legal counsel to adequately represent him at the Inquiry.
7. For the purpose of the determination of Mr. Derreck’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.
8. I therefore recommend to the Attorney General that funding for one senior counsel be provided to Mr. Derreck in accordance with the *Guidelines for Reimbursement of Legal Fees*

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and Disbursements consistent with the limitation on standing specified in paragraph 5, and that this funding be effective from April 8, 2013.

ISSUED at Elliot Lake, Ontario, this 21st day of April, 2013.



The Honourable Paul R. Bélanger,
Commissioner