

**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

**Supplementary Ruling on Standing and funding – Seniors' Action Group of  
Elliot Lake**

1. In my original ruling on Standing and Funding of 8 November, 2012, I made the following observation relating to Seniors' Action Group of Elliot Lake ("SAGE"):

*"This is a recently-formed organization whose mission is to "defend, advance and communicate" the common interests of its members who are seniors and retirees of Elliot Lake. Its members attend Council and committee meetings and host a Web site. It produces reports and correspondence to both its members and citizens at large, as well as politicians and government officials at all levels."*

2. I granted standing and recommended funding to SAGE in the following terms:

*"I was advised on November 2, 2012 that, while SAGE continued to seek full standing, it had come to an agreement with counsel for ELMAC to be represented by ELMAC's counsel group. Consequently, given that SAGE's interests can and will be represented by ELMAC, standing is granted on the condition that SAGE be represented by the same counsel as ELMAC. Should a conflict arise between SAGE and ELMAC, SAGE will be free to make a new application for standing"*

and

*"As previously noted, ELMAC has agreed to represent the interests of SAGE and Peter D. Unfried. I am satisfied that without funding, they could not properly participate in the work of this Inquiry. I recommend to the Attorney General that funding for one senior and one junior counsel be provided in accordance with the Guidelines for Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Disbursements, on the understanding that the senior counsel position will alternate between Messrs. R. Douglas Elliot, Jeff Broadbent and Roland Aubé".*

3. A dispute has arisen between SAGE and Elliot Lake Mall Action Committee ("ELMAC") and ELMAC's counsel such that SAGE is now without standing, funding or legal representation. As a result, SAGE has re-applied for standing and funding. It is not asking to be represented by counsel and makes a modest request for funding as the penultimate paragraph of its application shows.

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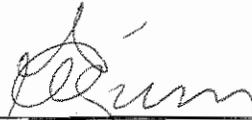
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4. I reiterate the comments that I made at pages 1 to 4 of my original Ruling on Standing and Funding.
5. I note that representatives of SAGE have faithfully attended most Commission hearings to date.
6. Having regard to the demographics of the Elliot Lake community and of SAGE's serious commitment to the interests of its members, I continue to be of the view that SAGE meets the criteria for standing and funding.
7. Consequently, SAGE is granted standing in relation to Parts 1 and 2 of the Inquiry.
8. I also recommend to the Attorney General that funding be provided to SAGE for reasonable office supply expenses, supported by appropriate receipts and in conformity with government guidelines, in an amount not to exceed \$3000 and that it be reimbursed for the access monthly fee to the Commission's Relativity database.

ISSUED at Elliot Lake, Ontario, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.



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