

Participation Decision Addendum

June 25, 2021

[1] This decision is an addendum to the May 13, 2021 Participation Decision.

Other Individual Applicants

- [2] In the Participation Decision, we determined that we required more information from eleven Applicants to better assess their potential contribution. Therefore, we requested that these eleven Applicants provide written submissions within two weeks outlining more details about how they proposed to participate.
- [3] The Mass Casualty Commission received additional submissions from eight of these Applicants; two of the Applicants responded that they no longer wished to proceed with their application to become a Participant. We consider these two applications to have been withdrawn.
- [4] One Applicant did not provide further submissions. Based upon the original application, this Applicant does not demonstrate a direct and substantial interest in the Commission's mandate and therefore does not meet the test for Participants in this inquiry.
- [5] Based on their additional submissions, **Nick Cardone** and **Sara Jodi McDavid** are granted the opportunity for appropriate participation in the Commission's work.
- [6] In their original Applications for Participation and additional submissions, **Eleanor Cowan, Anthony Gracey, Bradley McLellan, Ricky Osborne, Raymond Ridgeway** and **Alan David Schmeglesky** did not meet the direct and substantial interest test for Participants in this Inquiry.

A. Late Applicant - Canadian National Firearms Association

- [7] In the Participation Decision, we granted the Canadian Coalition for Gun Control (CCGC) and Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (CCFR) the opportunity for appropriate participation in aspects of our mandate related to the use of firearms.
- [8] After the release of the Participation Decision, the **Canadian National Firearms Association** (CNFA) contacted the Commission to apply for the opportunity to participate.

- [9] **CNFA** has been in existence since 1978 and describes itself as “the largest firearms rights advocacy organization in Canada.” The **CNFA** states that its membership represents a broad spectrum of Canadian society with over 70,000 members consisting of individuals, shooting clubs and businesses.
- [10] The **CNFA** has demonstrated a substantial and direct interest related to the firearms aspect of the Commission mandate. The **CNFA** indicated that it would contribute a different perspective from the CCFR to the Commission process. Nonetheless, based on their common focus, we direct that the **CNFA** and the CCFR form a coalition to work together to contribute to the Commission’s work related to the use of firearms.

B. Additional Participant Funding Requests

- [11] **Nick Cardone** and two Participants identified in the Participation Decision, **Avalon Sexual Assault Centre** and **Be the Peace Institute**, requested funding. Based on their Applications for Funding and supporting financial documents, we accept that they would not otherwise be able to participate in the Commission without funding. Therefore, we recommend that their participation be funded.