

ORDER TO MARK EXHIBITS OUTSIDE PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS by Order in Council 2020-822 and Order in Council 2020-293, the Government of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia established an independent public inquiry to examine the April 18-19, 2020 mass casualty in Nova Scotia and to provide meaningful recommendations to help protect Canadians in the future (the “Mass Casualty Commission”).

AND WHEREAS subject to the Orders in Council, the federal *Inquiries Act*, RSC 1985 c I-11 and the Nova Scotia *Public Inquiries Act*, RSNS 1989 c 372, the Commission has the power to control its own processes and make rules governing its practice and procedure.

AND WHEREAS Rule 7 of the Mass Casualty Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure states: “The Commissioners may amend, supplement, vary, or depart from any rule as they deem necessary to ensure the Commission is thorough, fair, and timely.”

AND WHEREAS Rule 25 of the Mass Casualty Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure states: “The Commissioners can receive any evidence they consider to be relevant and helpful in fulfilling the mandate of the Inquiry.”

AND WHEREAS Rule 56 of the Mass Casualty Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure states: “All evidence shall be categorized and marked P for public proceedings and, if necessary, C for in camera proceedings. Unless the Commission otherwise orders, a copy of the P transcript of evidence, a list of P exhibits of the public proceedings and a summary of the C proceedings will be available on the Commission website.”

AND WHEREAS on November 30th, 2022 the Mass Casualty Commission received a letter from James B. W. Goodwin writing on behalf of Transition House Association of Nova Scotia that was dated November 28, 2022 (“Letter from Mr. Goodwin”).

AND WHEREAS the Mass Casualty Commission received the Letter from Mr. Goodwin too late to include them as exhibits during the virtual proceedings on October, 27, 2022 and there are no more proceeding dates scheduled.

AND WHEREAS the Mass Casualty Commission shared the Letter from Mr. Goodwin with Participants and has received no objections to the Letter from Mr. Goodwin being marked as exhibits.

AND WHEREAS the Commissioners have deemed it appropriate to have these documents form part of the public record and exhibited accordingly

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. all evidence entered pursuant to this order shall be categorized and marked O for order and a list of O exhibits will be available on the Commission website;
2. the Letter from Mr. Goodwin be marked as exhibit O – 7641.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2022.

Chief Commissioner J. Michael MacDonald