



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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**Victoria** – In response to a media inquiry, the Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General today announced that David Crossin, Q.C. has been appointed as an independent Special Prosecutor in relation to an R.C.M.P. investigation into allegations against Langley Mayor Rick Green.

Mr. Crossin, a senior Vancouver lawyer, was appointed by Assistant Deputy Attorney General Robert W.G. Gillen, Q.C. on June 7, 2011 to review a Report to Crown Counsel prepared by the R.C.M.P. following their investigation into events alleged to have occurred in September 2010. Given the position of Mr. Green, as well as the complainants and potential witnesses involved in the case, Mr Gillen concluded that it was appropriate to appoint a Special Prosecutor.

Mr. Crossin's mandate includes:

- Conducting an independent charge assessment review of the Report to Crown Counsel submitted by the investigative agency and making the charging decision he deems appropriate in the exercise of his independent prosecutorial discretion.
- Offering such legal advice as is necessary to the police in the event that further investigation by them is required;
- Providing a written report to the Assistant Deputy Attorney General with the results of his review and the reasons for his decision;
- If in his view a prosecution is warranted, continuing the prosecution and any subsequent appeal.

The Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Justice Branch appoints Special Prosecutors pursuant to the *Crown Counsel Act* when there is a significant potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of criminal justice.

The decisions of Special Prosecutors are final, subject only to receiving written directions from the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General or Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the

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Criminal Justice Branch. In such an event, those directions must be made public by publishing them in the Gazette.

As this matter is currently under review by the Special Prosecutor it would not be appropriate at this time for the Criminal Justice Branch or the Special Prosecutor to discuss or comment on any aspect of the investigation, the potential evidence or his review. Mr. Crossin will therefore not be making any public statements in connection with the matter.

This Media Statement has been reviewed by the Special Prosecutor and he has approved its release.

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