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Bountiful – Update from Special Prosecutor

Victoria - The Criminal Justice Branch confirms that independent Special Prosecutor Peter Wilson, QC is continuing his charge assessment review in relation to individuals associated to the community of Bountiful.

On July 9, 2013, CJB announced that Mr. Wilson received an investigative report prepared by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) in relation to a portion of their extensive investigation.

Since that time, Mr. Wilson has undertaken an ongoing review of the substantial volume of material provided by police in their initial report. Mr. Wilson's charge assessment review will not be completed until he has also considered the second and final portion of the police report, which he expects will be delivered to him at the end of January.

Mr. Wilson was appointed as a Special Prosecutor by then Assistant Deputy Attorney General Robert W.G. Gillen, QC on January 17, 2012.

Mr. Wilson's initial mandate included:

- Offering legal advice to the police in their continuing investigation;
- Independently reviewing any investigative report prepared by the police, as well as any materials assembled by the Criminal Justice Branch and any other information that the investigating officers might provide to him for his consideration;
- Making the charging decision he deems appropriate;
- As part of any charge assessment, considering, if the evidence supports it, the possible prosecution of sexual exploitation and other alleged offences against

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minors by individuals associated with the community of Bountiful, from the early 1980s to the present.

On January 31, 2012, Mr. Wilson's mandate as a Special Prosecutor was expanded by Mr. Gillen to include consideration of potential offences contrary to the polygamy provisions of the Criminal Code.

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