

## **SUMMARY OF DECISION OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR**

After reviewing thoroughly all the evidence gathered by the R.C.M.P. investigation into allegations of assault and threatening against Douglas Routley made by his spouse, Christine Mazur, a Special Prosecutor has declined to lay criminal charges. The allegations, which relate to conduct in 2006 and 2007, were reported to the R.C.M.P. in August and November 2008. In the opinion of the Special Prosecutor, the available evidence did not give rise to a substantial likelihood of conviction and thus no charges have been laid.

Ms. Mazur alleged that her husband, MLA Douglas Routley, had assaulted her and threatened her on several occasions. Mr. Routley met with police and denied all allegations. There was little or no confirmatory evidence available to the police and the Special Prosecutor. By the time the allegations were made to police, more than six months had elapsed since the last alleged incident. In the absence of confirmatory evidence, it could not be said that there was a substantial likelihood of conviction. Further, given the passage of time, it could not be said that it would be in the public interest to proceed with any charges by way of Indictment, which would have been required given the six month limitation period for summary conviction proceedings.