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Special Prosecutor Concludes Involvement in Police investigation of Nanaimo City Council

Victoria - On December 16, 2016, Assistant Deputy Attorney General Peter Juk QC appointed Mark Jette Special Prosecutor in relation to matters involving the Nanaimo City Council. The Vancouver Island District General Investigation Section of the RCMP had previously sought the assistance of the BC Prosecution Service in dealing with an investigation involving the Nanaimo City Council.

Mr. Juk made the appointment under s. 7 of the *Crown Counsel Act* because he considered it in the public interest to do so. The appointment was announced following the arrest and release, on conditions, of one member of council. The appointment of a Special Prosecutor was intended to avoid any potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of justice in light of the fact that the allegations related to or involved members of Nanaimo City Council as elected municipal officials.

Mr. Jetté was given a mandate to provide legal advice to the RCMP investigators as may be necessary, conduct any related charge assessment and assume conduct of the prosecution if charges were approved.

Mr. Jette has now advised that the matter is no longer under investigation and he has concluded his involvement with the file. No report to Crown Counsel was ultimately forwarded for consideration on the general investigation conducted by the RCMP. The matters involving the councillor who had been made the subject of release conditions were resolved without the necessity of court proceedings.

No further information will be released regarding the resolution of that matter in light of the privacy concerns for those involved.

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