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Special Prosecutor approves peace bond in matter involving Nanaimo City Council

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that an application to have Tracy Samra bound by the terms of a peace bond pursuant to s. 810 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* has been approved by Special Prosecutor Michael Klein QC. Information # 84421 was sworn on March 21, 2018 and relates to an incident that is alleged to have occurred on January 31, 2018 at or near Nanaimo. Ms. Samra is scheduled to make a first appearance in the case on March 27, 2018 in Nanaimo Provincial Court.

Mr. Klein was appointed a Special Prosecutor shortly after Ms. Samra was arrested by Nanaimo RCMP as a result of allegations of threats uttered at or near Nanaimo City Hall. The Assistant Deputy Attorney General Peter Juk QC appointed Mr. Klein under s. 7 of the *Crown Counsel Act* because he considered it in the public interest to do so. 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 nature of the alleged incident and the identity of some of the complainants as elected municipal officials.

The charge assessment guidelines applied by the Special Prosecutor are set out in the BC Prosecution Service Policy Manual and are available online at:

www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines

As the matter is now before the court neither the Special Prosecutor nor the BC Prosecution Service will be offering any additional information or comment.

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