



COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF PHOENIX SINCLAIR

June 21, 2011

Media Arrangements for the Standing Hearing

Dates have been set for a hearing to determine who can participate at the Commission of Inquiry into the Circumstances Surrounding the Death of Phoenix Sinclair. At this hearing, the Commissioner will determine the nature and extent of such participation.

The standing hearing is set for:

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Millennium Suite, Winnipeg Convention Centre

375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

It will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday, June 29, 2011. Some arrangements have been made to assist media planning to cover the proceedings and there are limitations media may need to be aware of:

1. A limited number of tables in the hearing room will be reserved for media use.
2. The Commission will **NOT** be supplying video. The Commissioner will allow only one video camera and operator, selected and supplied by the media, to set up in a designated area in the hearing room. It must provide a pool video feed to all media outlets at the proceeding. A feed box with standard BNC video input and outputs will be supplied by the Commission. Media must supply their own equipment and personnel to record the feed.
3. The pool video camera must remain fixed on a tripod in the designated area within the hearing room. It must be in place prior to the hearing being called into session and must not be removed from the tripod at any time during the hearing. The camera may only be removed during a break in the proceedings. Only the available room light is permitted as lighting.
4. An audio feed will be provided. Media will be required to provide their own audio XLR-type connectors, and must also provide their own video and audio recording equipment and personnel. Media must not place microphones or tape recorders at the witness box, counsel tables, clerk's table or on the Commissioner's dais.
5. All media are asked to set up their pool feed recording equipment in the feed area prior to the start of the standing hearing between the times of 8:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
6. Scrums will not be permitted in the hearing room.
7. Still photography and video cutaway shots will **NOT** be allowed at the standing hearings in June. Subject to the rulings of the Commissioner they may be permitted at the start of the public hearings.
8. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off when entering the hearing room.
9. Public exhibits may be viewed by the media in the hearing room at the end of each hearing day. Subject to rulings of the Commissioner, exhibits and transcripts available in electronic format may also be posted at www.phoenixsinclairinquiry.ca.

Media who want to receive future information, news releases and updates from the Commission must sign up for the electronic information distribution list by e-mailing phoenixsinclairinquiry@gov.mb.ca.

Chief Administrative Officer Shawna Goy acts as the media relations officer for the Commission. Questions about media access to hearings and all requests for interviews with Commission counsel should be directed to her at 945-7931 or by email at phoenixsinclairinquiry@gov.mb.ca.