

**Commission of Inquiry into the Circumstances
Surrounding the Death of Phoenix Sinclair**

Call for Applications for Standing

The Honourable Edward (Ted) N. Hughes has been appointed Commissioner of an Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Phoenix Sinclair. In particular, the Inquiry is to consider the child welfare services provided or not provided to Phoenix Sinclair and her family under *The Child and Family Services Act* and any other circumstances, apart from the delivery of child welfare services, directly related to the death of Phoenix Sinclair. The Inquiry will also consider why the death of Phoenix Sinclair remained undiscovered for several months.

Applications for standing as a party are being invited from any person or group with a direct and substantial interest in the subject matter of the Inquiry.

Applications for standing as an intervenor are being invited from any person or group that does not have a direct and substantial interest but has a genuine and demonstrated concern about the issues raised in the Inquiry mandate and has a particular perspective or expertise that may assist the Commissioner.

In order to be considered, applications for standing must be in writing and submitted to the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6th, 2011. The written applications must set out why the applicant is requesting standing and why the applicant should be granted standing.

Applications are to be submitted to the attention of Commission Counsel, Sherri Walsh, at the following address:

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Those who have submitted applications in writing will have the opportunity to make oral submissions at a hearing for the granting of standing which will commence on June 28th, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. and continue if necessary on June 29th, 2011 at the Millennium Suite, Winnipeg Convention Centre, 375 York Avenue. At that time, applicants will also have the opportunity to comment on the draft Rules of Procedure and Practice for the Inquiry and any other preliminary matters. Copies of the draft Rules of Procedure and Practice can be obtained from the Inquiry website at www.phoenixsinclairinquiry.ca.

The Honourable Edward (Ted) N. Hughes
Commissioner

Sherri Walsh
Commission Counsel