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**In the Matter of  
INQUEST – DEATH OF MCPHERSON**

**Submission as to Recommendations  
of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Inc.**

**Manitoba Law Courts Complex, Treaty One Territory, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
June 19, 2015**

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**Submission as to Recommendations:**

**Overarching Recommendations:**

1. That the province of Manitoba take immediate, meaningful and purposeful steps to implement the recommendations of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba (AJI) in respect of community-based policing, as set out in the Report of the AJI in the section entitled, “Policies and Strategies for Aboriginal Policing”, and in particular, the following recommendations:
  - *The adoption of Aboriginal community-based policing as the favoured strategy for policing in all Aboriginal areas.*
  - *The development of professional, fully trained, regional Aboriginal police forces, reporting to and serving Aboriginal communities, with a broad mandate for law enforcement and crime prevention.*
  - *The development of Aboriginal police commissions to support the rapid recruitment, training and effective support of Aboriginal police forces.*
2. That Manitoba take immediate, meaningful and purposeful steps, in partnership with the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak First Nations, toward the establishment of an MKO-regional police force similar to the Dakota-Ojibway Police Service and the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (Ontario), with an immediate priority for the establishment of such a regional police force to serve those MKO First Nations which do not have a full-time RCMP detachment located in the community.

**Urgent Recommendations:**

3. That Manitoba take immediate steps in accordance with the Provincial Police Service Agreement to cause a full-time RCMP Detachment to be placed in the main community reserve of every MKO First Nation which, at present, is not served by a full-time RCMP Detachment located in the main community reserve of an MKO First Nation, and that Manitoba and Canada amend the costs schedule of the Provincial Police Services Agreement accordingly.

## Immediate Recommendations:

4. That Manitoba immediately and formally acknowledge and recognize that the secondary policing services which have historically been provided by First Nation Special Constables with peace officer appointments are essential to public safety in First Nation communities and to the overall policing services delivered in Manitoba under the Manitoba Provincial Police Service Agreement.
5. That Manitoba immediately proclaim into force s. 80 (Peace officer status) of the *Police Services Act* in order to remove any ambiguity regarding the peace officer status of persons who are deemed to hold a continuing appointment as Special Constables and peace officers in accordance with s. 108(3) of the *Police Services Act*.
6. That Manitoba immediately take steps to clarify and confirm the status of any appointment as a Special Constable with peace officer status of every person who is currently serving and who is currently employed by a First Nation as a Band Constable, Special Constable or First Nation Safety Officer, where these persons were previously appointed by Manitoba as a Special Constable and peace officer under the former *Provincial Police Act*.
7. That Manitoba and Canada, in conjunction with the RCMP and the MKO First Nations, take immediate steps to identify and include all of the costs of training, salaries, insurance and equipment for First Nation Special Constables with peace officer appointments for inclusion as part of the policing activities and expenditures which are cost-shared 70% by Manitoba and 30% by Canada under the Manitoba Provincial Police Service Agreement.
8. That, subject to the agreement of a First Nation, Manitoba take immediate steps to ensure there is a detention facility that is constructed and operated in accordance with professional policing standards available in the main community reserve of every MKO First Nation and that Manitoba take urgent steps to cause to have such detention facilities placed in each MKO First Nation for which such a detainment facility is presently not available in the main community reserve of an MKO First Nation, and that all costs associated with such detainment facilities be included as part of the policing activities and expenditures which are cost-shared 70% by Manitoba and 30% by Canada under the Manitoba Provincial Police Service Agreement.
9. That Manitoba immediately cause to have trained to professional policing standards persons to serve as guards and matrons in order to monitor and care for persons who are detained in the detainment facilities referred to at recommendation number 8, above, and that all costs associated with such guards and matrons be included as part of the policing activities and expenditures which are cost-shared 70% by Manitoba and 30% by Canada under the Manitoba Provincial Police Service Agreement.