

Statement of Jerome Mauws


I, Jerome Mauws, state that I am the Chief Administrative Officer of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul. I held that position from June 17, 2002 to June 27, 2006, and again from April 2, 2007 to the present.

I have read Exhibit 69 in these proceedings being The Statement of Agreed Facts Pertinent to the R.M. of East St. Paul, Agreed to by Commission Counsel and Directly Affected Individuals.

I have also read Exhibit 236 in these proceedings being a letter from Fillmore Riley LLP to Commission Counsel dated February 28, 2008 with attached excerpts from a report dated March 29, 2006 authored by Robert Tramley and his assistant, Robert Wass.

Paragraph 16 of Exhibit 69 references a review of the East St. Paul Police Service's file by Mr. Wass which was conducted at my specific request. The reason that I requested this file review was because of discussions I had with current Chief Norman Carter over the course of a series of meetings with him between the end of November, 2005, and the beginning of January, 2006. During those meetings, Chief Carter and I discussed numerous administrative issues involving the operation of the East St. Paul Police Service under the leadership of former Chief Bakema. Chief Carter also raised with me concerns that he had about the investigation of the Zenk motor vehicle accident as conducted by former Chief Bakema, former Constable Graham, and Constable Woychuk. Chief Carter was concerned that those officers had conducted themselves inappropriately in their on-scene and post-scene investigations. Chief Carter asked me to arrange to have his concerns investigated through a file review by the independent policing services consultant who had already been engaged to conduct an operational review of the East St. Paul Police Service. It was Chief Carter's expressed concerns and request that caused me to ask for a detailed review of the Zenk file by Messers. Tramley/Wass. To my knowledge, Messers. Tramley/Wass had unrestricted access to the Zenk file as compiled by the East St. Paul Police Service.

Signed at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 6th of August, 2008.

  
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Jerome Mauws