British Columbia Legislature Sergeant-at-Arms Security Recommendations November 5th, 2014

Note 1: All financial costs for the LAMC approved recommendations will be accommodated out of the existing Property and Security budget.

Note 2: Biweekly updates will be forwarded to LAMC, via the Clerk of the House, relating to building design and financial implementation for each of the LAMC approved recommendations.

The following are seven Security recommendations put forward by the British Columbia Sergeant-at-Arms:

First 30 days:

Recommendation #1

• Metal detector and x-ray equipment will be installed at the Mowat entrance within the next 2 weeks, or as soon as operationally possible.

Recommendation #2

• New metal detector portals to the Public Galleries will be installed, replacing older equipment.

Recommendation #3

• In consultation with key stake-holders, create Guiding Security Principles for the British Columbia Legislature.

90 Days:

Recommendation #4

• Support personal safety training of MLA's and staff that work in the Legislature in active shooter response.

Recommendation #5

• Legislative Assembly Protective Services staff who hold the designation of Special Provincial Constable will be supplied with protective vests and uniforms.

Recommendation #6

Creation of a second controlled access will allow public full use of the public areas of the building, as it is today. All public and tours will be vetted before entry. This action will ensure a safe and secure environment for the public, staff and members of the Legislative Assembly who occupy the Legislature. This level of access to the building will require:

- Tour guide office and gift shop area will be relocated to accommodate a screening area at the Main Entrance of the Parliament Building.
- Additional metal detector and x-ray equipment will be required at the Main Entrance to support public access.

Recommendation #7

• Legislative Assembly Protective Services staff who hold the designation of Special Provincial Constable will be equipped and trained on use of firearms.

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