

Overview Report: Ross Alderson

I. Scope of Overview Report

1. This overview report describes efforts made by Commission counsel to call former British Columbia Lottery Corporation (“BCLC”) employee Ross Alderson as a witness in the Commission’s hearings.

II. Efforts Made to Produce Ross Alderson as a Witness

2. Ross Alderson was an employee of BCLC from 2008 to 2017. At the time of his resignation from BCLC in December 2017, Mr. Alderson held the position of Director, Anti-Money Laundering & Investigations.

3. On March 2nd, 2020, the Commissioner issued a summons compelling Mr. Alderson to attend the Commission’s hearings and testify as a witness at 701 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC on September 22, 2020 at 9:30 am or at such other time and date as commission counsel may advise.

4. A copy of the summons served on Mr. Alderson is attached to this overview report as Appendix “A”.

5. On or about March 2nd, 2020, Commission counsel personally served Mr. Alderson with the summons issued by the Commissioner. Commission counsel requested that Mr. Alderson keep them updated on his contact information.

6. Since March 2, 2020 Mr. Alderson has not provided commission counsel with any updated contact information.

7. Subsequent to the service of Mr. Alderson with the March 2nd, 2020 summons, the commencement of the Commission’s hearings were delayed such that no hearing was scheduled for September 22nd, 2020.

8. On September 2nd, 2020, Commission counsel sent an email to an email address through which Commission counsel had previously corresponded with Mr. Alderson advising Mr. Alderson that the commencement of the hearings had been delayed, that his

attendance was not required on September 22nd, 2020 and seeking to reschedule his evidence for a later date.

9. Commission counsel received no response to this email.

10. Mr. Alderson did not contact Commission counsel to inquire whether the hearing would proceed on September 22nd, 2020 or to inquire about rescheduling his evidence.

11. Following Commission counsel's attempt to contact Mr. Alderson on September 2nd, 2020, Commission counsel has made several further attempts to contact Mr. Alderson by email, telephone and through third parties for the purpose of scheduling a date for him to give evidence. Mr. Alderson has not responded to any of these attempts. Commission counsel has been unable to confirm that he received these communications, though the email address to which commission counsel sent the communications is one Mr. Alderson had previously used to correspond with the Commission.

12. Based on communications with Mr. Alderson prior to and on March 2nd, 2020, Commission counsel understands that Mr. Alderson may no longer reside in Canada.

Appendix A

Summons Issued to Ross Alderson

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO MONEY LAUNDERING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

SUMMONS TO ATTEND

(22(1)(a) & (b) of the *Public Inquiries Act*)

To: Ross Alderson

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering in British Columbia summons you to attend a hearing and testify as a witness at 701 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia or at such other location as commission counsel may advise on September 22, 2020 at 9:30 am or at such other time and date as commission counsel may advise.

Should you have any question regarding compliance with this Summons please contact:

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Date: March 2, 2020


The Honourable Austin F. Cullen
Commissioner