

# Minutes of National Citizens' Inquiry Support Committee

July 29, 2022

1. **In attendance:** Andrej, Dave, [REDACTED], Shawn, Kari, [REDACTED], Scarlett, [REDACTED], Ted, Kari, Preston  
Note that Scarlett replaces [REDACTED].
2. **Review of July 26 Draft Terms of Reference for Citizens Inquiry:**
  - Needs a declaration of the objective of neutrality so as to make clear that the conclusions and recommendations of the Inquiry have not be pre-determined.
  - Should make clear that all testimony to the Inquiry could be subject to cross-examination, not just questionable inputs.
  - Should make clear that the Inquiry could also receive written testimony evidence submitted other than orally.
  - Inquiry might be directed to follow court-like procedures with respect to receiving evidence, instructions to witnesses, cross examination, etc. and provided with legal counsel.
  - Preston to incorporate the above into one more draft of the Inquiry Terms of Reference.
3. **Review of July 27 Terms of Reference for Citizens Inquiry Support Committee**
  - Change of name from Steering Committee to Support Committee agreed to.
  - Membership as listed in the July 27 draft agreed to with suggestions that future consideration be given to adding someone with medical/scientific experience, someone with media/communications , and someone representing the Freedom Convoy (lawyer Eva Chipiuk suggested).
  - Proposal that Preston Manning serve as Chair and Andrej Litvinjenko serve as Secretary was agreed to, with the roles of each to be clarified. E.g. who handles relations with Inquiry Commissioners, who handles relations with Advisory Committee, and who handle other tasks (Preston and Andrej to discuss and clarify for next meeting.)
  - It is to be understood that Preston and Andrej don't represent any one group (e.g. TBOF, CCCA, etc.) but serve the Support Committee as a whole and the Inquiry as a whole.
  - With respect to a quorum it was agreed that 7 Support Committee members present on a ZOOM or in person constitutes a quorum.
  - With respect to voting it was agreed that every effort be made to achieve a general overall consensus on positions and actions to be taken without a formal vote. But that any member could ask that a vote be taken of those present or of the entire committee membership by email, and that a motion will be deemed to be carried if it receives the support of two thirds of those voting.
  - It was agreed that the avoidance of conflicts of interests by committee members was very important, with Andrej and Dave to draft a Declaration of Interests form for presentation to the next meeting.
  - Preston to incorporate the above into one more draft of the Terms of Reference for the Support Committee.
  - Other major aspects of the draft Terms of Reference – in particular the role of the Committee, its guiding Principles, its proposed activities, its communications strategy and capacity, and its funding – to be reviewed at the next meeting.
4. **Scheduling Next Meeting:**
  - Andrej proposed that the next ZOOM meeting be held at 3:00 pm EST on Friday August 5.
  - [edited out] requested that the meeting be scheduled a little later on the day to accommodating their schedules. Andrej to consider, review preferences of other members and advice of the date and time of the next meeting if it is to be different than 3:00 pm EST on Aug. 5.

**5. Other considerations:**

- [edited out] suggests a need for clarification of the “tone” of the Inquiry – is it seeking justice, is it seeking truth and reconciliation, is it engaged in investigation and/or prosecution, etc.?