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April 27, 2024

Dear Supporters of the National Citizens Inquiry

It is with reluctance that I once again write to address the deceptive use of the National Citizens Inquiry branding and resources by the directors of Citizens Inquiry Canada. I feel compelled to write to protect the integrity of the National Citizens Inquiry, and to address the unlawful use of NCI assets.

Specifically I'm speaking about the April 4, 2024 mass email to our 48,000 subscribers from the directors of Citizen Inquiry Canada - David Ross, Ches Crosbie, and Philippe Meloni. This email was sent without authorization by the NCI Board of Directors. The CIC directors persist in pretending to be the National Citizens Inquiry in spite of a formal letter demanding they cease and desist such actions.

Citizens Inquiry Canada is the not-for-profit incorporated by the Board of Directors of the National Citizens Inquiry in July 2022. The sole purpose of the CIC was to receive and disburse funds donated to the NCI at the direction of the NCI Board of Directors. Yet, even with this limited mandate they have failed to act responsibly. In spite of repeated written requests to provide a full accounting of funds received, disbursed and remaining, they have failed to do so.

Rather than being of service to the NCI, the directors of Citizens Inquiry Canada have become a disruptive force that undermines our efforts to disseminate the Commissioners' Report and recommendations, to get the truth out, and to hold our various institutions to account. The directors of Citizens Inquiry Canada were issued formal notice on January 29, 2024 that their services to the National Citizens Inquiry were no longer required. Rather than honour this formal notice, the directors have responded by pretending to be the National Citizens Inquiry.

It's important to address this misuse of NCI resources because the CIC directors are causing harm to the NCI. I regularly hear from NCI supporters who are confused by email messages coming from the CIC directors, and that this confusion is undermining confidence in the NCI which affects donations and volunteerism. This causes great concern to us since we have much work to do to disseminate the report and prepare for the new hearings.

I want to assure you that we will not let the actions of the directors of Citizens Inquiry Canada distract us from our mission. We are committed to staying focused on disseminating the Commissioners' Report, advocating for their recommendations, and holding further inquiries. A recent example of our efforts is the interview with Ken Drysdale and Shawn Buckley - <u>Talk Truth 02.22.24</u> - <u>Shawn Buckley & Ken</u> <u>Drysdale</u>. Shawn Buckley recently did an interview with Del Bigtree on the NCI. It will be made available soon.



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## **NCI Hearings in Regina**

We are pleased to announce that further NCI hearings will again be conducted. The next citizen-led, citizen-funded inquiries will occur on May 30, 31 and June 1<sup>st</sup> in Regina, Saskatchewan. We will use these hearings to address all matters COVID that have transpired since May 2023. Then, in September we will conduct hearings in British Columbia and Ontario on topics chosen by Canadians. We invite you to complete our survey to identify the focus of future NCI inquiries – https://nationalcitizensinguiry.ca/survey

Like you, we believe the National Citizens Inquiry is an essential tool in educating the public and holding our governments and institutions to account, and that the NCI must continue its mission of citizen led inquiries.

You can help us in our efforts to maintain the integrity of the National Citizens Inquiry by:

- Keep up-to-date with NCI activities by reviewing our website <u>https://nationalcitizensinquiry.ca</u> (Note: The website nationalcitizensinquiry.com is <u>not</u> an authorized NCI website and its content is not under the governance of the National Citizens Inquiry Board of Directors)
- Recommend witnesses for the Regina hearings <u>https://nationalcitizensinquiry.ca/testify</u>
- Donate to the National Citizens Inquiry at <u>https://nationalcitizensinquiry.ca/donate</u>

To provide clarity, the real NCI emails come from <u>Info@nationalcitizensinquiry.ca</u> and will always be signed by either Shawn Buckley, NCI Lead Council or Ted Kuntz, NCI Chair.

And be reassured that donations made at <u>https://nationalcitizensinquiry.ca/donate</u> go to the National Citizens Inquiry to help fund future citizen led inquiries and the dissemination of the Commissioner's Final Report.

Thank you for your patience and support during this challenging time.

Ted Kuntz, Chair