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Brief Member Biographies **Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities**

Frank A. Beazley

Frank Beazley is the Chief of Police for Halifax Regional Municipality. He is particularly interested in making communities and streets safer for citizens and will be able to offer a meaningful contribution in view of his close contact with citizens and knowledge of the problems facing communities. Chief Beazley has held various leadership positions within the Police Department including Staff Sergeant, Inspector, Officer in charge of Human Resources and Training Division and Deputy Chief of Operational Support. He received the distinction of Officer of the Order of Merit (O.O.M) and is a recipient of the Police Exemplary Service Medal and Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. He is active in many Atlantic and Canadian policing committees on Organized Crime, Counter Terrorism, National Security, Criminal Intelligence and Weapons Enforcement. He is also a member of the Champions program of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Nova Scotia Division, of the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia and the Mainland South Heritage Society and Charitable Irish Society of Halifax. Chief Beazley is pleased to have the opportunity to work with other members of the Task Force, on behalf of the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police.

M. Ingrid Brodie

M. Ingrid Brodie, lives in the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia. She has achieved a sixteen year career in criminal law and public safety and has practiced criminal law both as a Crown Attorney and with Nova Scotia Legal Aid as a defence lawyer. She appreciates there are larger issues and forces at play in society which lead to crime. Ingrid is a parent and citizen who is concerned that the way of life in Nova Scotia is eroding due to actual and perceived increases in criminal behaviour. She has demonstrated leadership in many Public Safety Initiatives in the management of terrorism, policing and organized crime. She has served on many justice committees and has lectured in University law classes and has been guest speaker for policy development, Victim's Services, Transition House, mental health and high school events. Ingrid is looking forward to meeting with knowledgeable and informed persons across the province and learning citizens perspectives on addressing root causes of crime and dealing with crime after it has occurred. She is gratified to participate in the work of the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Frank Capstick

Frank Capstick is a resident of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. He is a recently retired civil servant with 15 years experience as Regional Administrator, Eastern Region with the Department of Community Services. He was Director of the Boys Residential Centre in New Waterford for 14 years and had additional experience as a front line Caseworker with the Children's Aid Society. Frank has in depth knowledge of many community programs, government services, legislation and policing initiatives throughout Cape Breton and throughout the province. He has always been a strong advocate for youth issues and holds the belief that solutions can be achieved through government and community partnerships. He demonstrated his commitment to this work through his 10 year tenure as Chair of the Network for Children and Youth, which included representation from Community Services, Education and Culture, Health and Justice, local citizens, community groups and government funded agencies working collaboratively to improve outcomes for children and youth in the region. Some of the specific initiatives he has worked collaboratively on include the Community Partnership on Prescription Drug Abuse, the Canada-Nova Scotia Skills and Learning Framework(CNSSLF), Network for Children and Youth, Transition House, The Rural regional Planning Group Cape Breton for Persons with Disabilities, Early Childhood Development Projects and redesign of Residential and Community Outreach services for Adolescents. Frank has extensive experience with youth issues, building partnerships and knowledge about addressing root causes of crime that will be an asset to the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

D. Owen Carrigan

Owen Carrigan is a resident of Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is retired and a past President of Saint Mary's University in Halifax and professor of History, former Head of King's College at the University of Western Ontario and is a trained researcher who has a PhD in social history and has taught university courses on all aspects of crime, punishment and prevention. He is a published author in the history of Crime, Punishment and Juvenile Delinquency and has presented papers, participated in television and radio broadcasts and has acted as a consultant

to reporters doing features on crime. He served on the Board of the Institute for Public Policy and for a six year term on the Canada Council. He is currently a member of the Canadian Criminal Justice Association, 1st Vice President of the Halifax Regional Homeowners Association and Vice President of the Peninsular South Community Association. Owen has a strong interest in all aspects of crime. He has maintained an active participation in research, writing and community affairs. His knowledge, experience and community involvement will significantly contribute to the goals of the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Tara Connolly

Tara Connolly is a youth member of the Task Force who resides in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is also a concerned citizen, concerned parent and has been a victim of crime. She believes it is a challenge to create safer communities but that it can be done with patience, dedication and the combined input from various areas and backgrounds and the sharing of ideas and personal experiences. Tara is concerned about the violence that is occurring in schools and believes that if measures are not put in place in schools and in communities young children will be exposed and will suffer. She and members of her family know the first hand effects of intimidation, violent attacks and fear. She believes everyone should be free of fear and be able to safely walk down the street or in their neighbourhoods. Tara is currently working with the RCMP, has some familiarity with police work and legislation and previously worked with the Children's Aid. She is a Parent Advisory Committee Member for Phoenix Center for Youth, has volunteered at the Q.E.II hospital and obtained a Business Administration Information Management Diploma in 2004. Tara is excited to take part in the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Timothy Cremo

Timothy Cremo is a resident of Eskasoni, Nova Scotia. He is a Mi'kmaq from Nova Scotia who has been actively involved in Block Parent and Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention programs. Timothy participated in implementing a Neighbourhood Watch Program in Membourtau First Nations community. He has also begun the process of implementing a Block Parent programs in Membertou, which will be completed when all appropriate approvals are in place. Timothy is a Security Supervisor for the First Nations Community of Membertou. He is committed to offer an aboriginal perspective as well as a crime preventions perspective due to years of loss prevention. His community development and work experience, cultural perspective and knowledge will be a tremendous asset to the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Tim Crooks

Tim Crooks resides in Halifax Regional Municipality. He has been the Executive Director of Phoenix Youth Programs since 1998. Phoenix provides a continuum of supports and services which range from prevention, walk-in centre, emergency shelter, long term residential programming, health services, learning and employment services and follow up for youth. Phoenix has been identified as a Best Practice by the Peter F. Drucker Foundation, the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Voluntary Sector Initiative. He is a Social Worker and has a background in teaching. He has served as Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Department of Child and Youth Study at Mount St. Vincent University. Tim has served on a variety of boards and steering committees and is active with several provincial and federal initiatives. He has been a sessional instructor on issues relating to counselling and youth at risk. Tim has received a number of awards including one from the Gordon Foundation which recognized his impact on the field of Child and Youth Care work. Tim is very excited about this opportunity as he has a long standing commitment to youth and will encourage youth input into the work of the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Barb Dewtie

Barb Dewtie is a resident of Thorburn, Nova Scotia. She is the current Executive Director of the Pictou County RCMP Crime Prevention Association which has recently been integrated into the newly created Pictou County Municipalities Crime Prevention Association. Barb is also the Chair of the Crime Prevention Society of Nova Scotia, serves on the Atlantic Coordinating Committee on Crime Prevention and Community Safety and is the Chair of the 2007 Atlantic Canadian Crime Prevention Conference. Barb has extensive involvement in grassroots community work and partners with front line agencies and victims of crime. She has a good balance of knowledge and experience from her leadership and committee work related to crime prevention. She works with a volunteer Board of Directors and is a team player who encourages a shared roles and responsibilities toward her community. She looks forward to committing the effort needed to contribute to a dynamic Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Janice Fraser

Janice Fraser is a resident of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. She is a Registered Social Worker with BA and MA degrees focused on criminology. Janice is a Special Projects Manager and has held positions of Clinical Manager, Problem Gambling Specialist and Clinical Therapist with Addictions Services, District Health Authorities 4, 5 and 6. Her experience also includes work as a Child Protection Worker and Children in Care Worker with Children's Aid of Pictou County, Consultant for the Child Victim Witness Program and Regional Manager for the John Howard Society. She assisted with the development of a Citizen's Crime Prevention Committee in the Town of New Glasgow. Due to her interest in the root causes of criminal activity and methods to reduce this activity through collaboration and community development initiatives, Janice is very motivated to serve on the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Pamela Harrison

Pamela Harrison is a resident of Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is the Co-ordinator of the Transition House Association of Nova Scotia (THANS), the provincial voice for member organizations that provide shelter and services for abused women and their children across Nova Scotia. Pamela works with THANS in the areas of research, advocacy, communication, training and networking to enhance and strengthen services for abused women. She networks with women's equality-seeking organizations across the province that work to improve the lives of the women and children living in violence and poverty. Pamela is a member of the Metro Coalition for a Non-racist Society, the Metro Coalition on Family Violence, the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women's Economic Roundtable, the United Way 211 Committee and Feminists for Just and Equitable Public Policy. She also participates in a number of local and provincial committees and events that encourage the participation of women in municipal, provincial and federal politics. Pamela is very committed to addressing situations that negatively impact the neighbourhoods in which women and their families live and work and is pleased to participate in the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Donald Jacquard

Donald W. Jacquard is a resident of Wedgeport, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia. He is a retired public school teacher and principal and is currently employed as a French second language teacher at Université Ste. Anne, Tusket Campus. He is a School board member with the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial. These experiences and involvements have made him aware of the issues facing school staff regarding school violence and vandalism. He is a community leader who is involved to reach for solutions related to thefts, acts of arson and vandalism. Due to his volunteer service in many community organizations, he is knowledgeable about the people and culture of Southwestern Nova Scotia. He had received a number of awards for community involvement and has been involved in various sports activities such as badminton and hockey and has been involved in genealogical research. Mr. Jacquard is very concerned about youth issues and the effect of crime on communities. He is pleased to be able to serve on the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Franz Kesick

Franz Kesick is a resident of Truro, Nova Scotia. He is a member of Zone 1 of the Native Council of Nova Scotia and has been a member for the past 10 years. He is a former Paramedic and currently works in the Aquatic Resources sector which is focused on sustained economic growth of the Maritime Aboriginal Peoples. He has been committed to working with others to develop activities and options for youth, has been a member of Crime Stoppers and successfully graduated from the Aboriginal Justice of the Peace Program in Ontario. He is pleased to be able to contribute to the Task Force.

Frank MacArthur

Frank MacArthur is a resident of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. He has a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. He currently works as a Youth Specialist for the Department of Justice, Correctional Services. He carries out senior Probation duties at the New Glasgow office. He has previous work experience as a Youth Worker, providing Substance Abuse Counselling, and at the Shelburne Youth Centre and Truro Options Program for Young Offenders. Frank developed the Schools Associated with Police and Probation Services (SAPPS) program and was Chair of the Northern Partnership for Youth Action covering Pictou/Colchester, East Hants and Cumberland Counties. He is a Provincial Trainer with the Department of Justice and volunteers with persons with learning, mental and physical disabilities as an aquatic instructor and a coach for Special Olympics. Frank has extensive knowledge and experience to contribute to the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities and is committed to the benefits of partnerships and establishing positive rapport with youth and their families to demonstrate that probation, police and schools care about youth at risk.

Jim MacLeod

Jim MacLeod is a resident of Sydney, Nova Scotia. He is an elected Municipal Councillor and has held various leadership positions within Municipal government. He has served as Chair of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) Board of Police Commissioners and currently holds the position of President of the Nova Scotia Police Boards Association. He has been actively involved in work related to crime and crime prevention and has worked as a volunteer on many community organizations. In Whitney Pier, he was responsible for introducing the first CAP site in 1996, encouraging the first Community Policing Office and is helping to revitalize the community of Whitney Pier, through his work as the present non-profit Director of District # 7 Business Association. He is delighted to be offering his knowledge and experience to the work of the Task Force.

Steven Miller

Steven Miller is a resident of Hants County and is a Vice Principal of West Hants Middle School in Newport, Nova Scotia. He has been a teacher in the Annapolis Valley for fourteen years at both the High School and Middle School levels. He is a father of three young children and has a strong interest in maintaining Nova Scotia as a great place to live and raise a family. He is involved in teaching and volunteering in his church and at the local community centre to make a difference in the lives of young people. He has been disheartened to hear repeated news reports about violence happening in communities and has been involved in school based programs that address various issues including bullying. He is aware of the connection between problems in the community at large and those that occur within the school community. He wants to continue to contribute to the well being of young people through his work on the Task Force.

Harold Miller

Harold Miller resides in River Phillip, Nova Scotia. He is a senior with a history of being active in community affairs. He appreciates the social pressures facing youth and has interest in helping to address the issue of Safer Streets and Communities. In addition to being Chairperson of the Liaison Committee of the Oxford and District RCMP detachment for a number of years, he has been involved in Boy Scouts, Minor Hockey coaching, Kinsmen Club, United Church, Curling Clubs, Square and Round dance and Rotary International. He is retired from the Banking and Insurance Industry and looks forward to his work with the Task Force.

Jemell Moriah

Jemell Moriah resides in Dartmouth and is an African Nova Scotian woman who is concerned about the incidence of crime in our communities. She believes that partnerships and reduction of risk factors for crime are the key to addressing safety of our streets and communities. Jemell has volunteered within the public school system in a high risk area of Halifax to encourage early intervention. She helped to establish a 'children's club' for children 6 to 12 years old, who were in need of a safe place for fun, development of positive friendships, learning life skills and participating in activities related to culture, health, sports and recreation as a way to address deficits that can create risk of children becoming involved in criminal behaviour. Jemell is the Central Region Prevention Coordinator with the Department of Community Services and she helps promote better outcomes for children by working with the community to meet community needs through parent education, family resources and support. She has worked with families and youth involved with the justice system and welcomes the opportunity to be part of this Task Force as it consults with people across the province to learn how to reduce crime in our communities.

Oralee O'Byrne

Oralee O'Byrne is a resident of Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. She is a mother of teenage sons and has an educational background in criminal justice studies, counseling and adult psychology. She has multiple perspectives (parent, community development, victim, enforcement, business) and has been a 5 year volunteer with the Youth Restorative Justice Society in Cumberland County, as a mediator, community liaison and placement supervisor. She has past volunteer experience as a member of Citizen's on Patrol and has work experience in security and private investigation. She has an intense interest in contributing to Safe and Strong Communities Development. Her knowledge, work, volunteer and life experience will be an asset to the Task Force.

David Olding

David Olding is a resident of Halifax Regional Municipality. He was born in 1933, educated in Scotland and moved to Canada in 1956. He is a parent and a grandparent and spends some time at his contracting business. He is the Area volunteer Chaplain for Correctional Service of Canada in the Halifax Dartmouth area. In his role as Community Chaplain he listens, counsels,

prays, befriends, teaches, co-ordinates and supports offenders, ex-offenders, their families and correctional staff. He visits half-way houses, hospital and federal prisons in the Atlantic Region. David is a member of Metro Non-Profit Housing, the Community Action on Homelessness for Halifax and the Social Justice committee of the Diocese, all focusing on issues related to poverty and homelessness. On October 12, 2006, David received the Faith Service Award, which was presented at the 139th Synod of the Anglican Church of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, at All Saints Cathedral Church Halifax, by two Bishops with the Lt. Governor in attendance, to commemorate his faithful service. David is keenly interested in contributing as a volunteer with the Task Force.

Brad Parks

Brad Parks is a resident of Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia. He retired in 2005, after working for the RCMP for 33 years, 15 of which were as a Community Policing Officer. He had experience as a Community Justice Facilitator and First Nation Healing Circle, Negotiator, Youth Criminal Justice and Nova Scotia Family Violence Protocol. He is currently a volunteer for the Inverness Richmond Children's Aid Board, member at large of Inverness Richmond Senior Advisory Council, member of the Executive of The Strait Area Mutual Aide Association, was a past board member of the Community Health Board, past Federal Co-Chair of the Bra d'or Lakes Sustainable Community Initiative and was the 2003 recipient of the Innovative Aware from the Public Service of Canada. Brad is very interested in this initiative and brings his observations of the challenges that take place within the community to the work of the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Jane Moffat Schnare

Jane Moffat Schnare is a resident of the South Shore of Nova Scotia and is a registered Social Worker who has worked in the field of youth mental health for 22 years. She is aware of escalating crime committed by youth in communities and is appreciative of the root causes of crime and the connection with families and communities. Jane worked as a therapist at the Shelburne Youth Centre prior to its closure and saw that youth responded positively to those who showed interest in meeting their health, education and emotional needs in a safe, stable environment. Her current caseload as a clinical therapist includes work with youth on probation with histories of violence. She sees some troubled youth who are fortunate to have families that believe in them and some schools who see youth as individuals deserving of a chance to have their needs met. She is concerned for those youth who do not have these family and school supports in place. Jane has a wealth of experience and knowledge that will be an asset to the work of the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities and feels a sense of privilege and honoured to have been chosen as a volunteer Task Force member.

Stephanie Simonsen

Stephanie Simonsen is a resident of Truro, Nova Scotia. She is the current Regional Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Nova Scotia. Her responsibilities involve engaging and supporting clubs across the province to provide a safe place for children, youth and their families. She recently chaired the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada National Conference in Halifax, where one of the major themes was 'Strategies for Ending the Culture of Violence'. Stephanie; a former Executive Director of the United Way of Colchester County; has seen a significant change in the perception of communities across Nova Scotia in the assessment and value of youth and what it means to have safe communities. Stephanie strongly endorses this initiative and will provide a solution focused and significant contribution to the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Barbara Ann Simmons

Barbara Ann Simmons is a resident of North Preston, Nova Scotia. She is an African Nova Scotian woman who has been employed as a Community Consultant/Liaison/Diversity Services by the RCMP in Cole Harbour, since 1995. She studied business management at Mount St. Vincent University and community based policing at Henson college at Dalhousie University. She has completed courses in race relations, cross cultural training, community development, peer mediating and negotiating. She implemented Halifax Detachment Youth Chill Power, a program for youth at risk, in the local and junior high schools. She was involved in many volunteer activities including program coordinator for the North Preston Missionary society, leader of CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training), Board Member North Preston Medical Child Care Society, Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, Nova Scotia Child Welfare society. Ms. Simmons also produced a local radio talk show for the RCMP, and interviewed community advocates regarding recreation, health, education and policing. One of her major accomplishments was the creation of the Community Constable Program, where she was instrumental in developing and implementing a program to train and hire six individuals from the Prestons to work with Regular RCMP members in policing the communities. She is involved

with the St. Thomas United Baptist church Education Committee in honouring students who graduate each year from universities, colleges and post secondary learning institutions. She represents the RCMP as a committee member and resource person. She is presently a member of the North Preston Community Centre Advisory Board, the Community Health and Wellness Centre, various church groups and choirs. She interacts on a daily basis with the residents of the Prestons, which are African Nova Scotian communities, to bridge the gap and build bridges to create and sustain a working relationship with the police. Barbara Ann has been the recipient of numerous awards for her professional and community work. She is pleased with the opportunity to gather information to create a better community, city and province, by serving as a volunteer on the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities.

Colette Williams-Dooks

Colette Williams-Dooks is a resident of Jeddore, Nova Scotia. She is an experienced Caseworker, Education Co-ordinator and Facilitator who has worked with youth in conflict with the law as well as victim's of youth offences. Her work with the Community Justice Society prepared the victim and youth offender and their supports for Restorative Justice Sessions. She is a past member of the local School Advisory council, has been a counsellor with the Atlantic Burn Camp, Chaired the Jeddore Play and Rest Society, was a leader with the Girl guides of Canada, has been a community fundraiser and has handled social concerns and provided administrative support to locally elected representatives. Colette continues as a volunteer Restorative Justice facilitator and believes in early intervention as the key to Safer Streets and Communities. She is pleased to serve on the Minister's Task Force.

Carolann Wright Parks

Carolann Wright Parks is a resident of Halifax who grew up in Beechville, Nova Scotia. Carolann is an accomplished Community Developer who is currently working as a Community Economic Developer officer with the Halifax Regional Development Agency. Carolann is an African Nova Scotian woman who has been part of the Halifax Inner City Initiative as Community Engagement Facilitator and a Consultant for community strategic plans for the communities of Beechville and Antigonish/Guysborough. She has significant Project Management and Leadership experience. Her community activities include Chair of Black History Month Association, Chair of Beechville Research and Development Committee, member of Community Heritage Committee and Choir Director for Beechville United Baptist Church. Her work and community experience related the Community Development are an asset for the work of the Minister's Task Force on Safer Streets and communities and she is pleased to be able to work with this group to gather information from across the province.