

UPDATE ON DESMOND FATALITY INQUIRY PROCEEDINGS

Sunday, March 20, 2022 (Halifax, NS) – The Desmond Fatality Inquiry will resume evidentiary hearings at the courthouse in Port Hawkesbury, N.S., at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022. The proceedings are expected to continue on Tuesday, March 22.

The Nova Scotia Courts will be maintaining the current COVID-19 even after the province enters Phase 3 of its reopening plan on Monday. With that in mind, in-person access to the Inquiry hearing room will continue to be limited to ensure at least one metre of physical distancing.

Anyone not essential to the Inquiry proceedings must get advance permission from Judge Warren Zimmer to attend in person. Anyone attending the Inquiry proceedings in person will be required to wear a disposable medical mask.

To maintain the open courts principle, members of the media will be permitted to attend the proceedings in person, if there is space available in the hearing room. Unless otherwise ordered by the judge, the proceedings will also be livestreamed on the [Inquiry website](#).

At the conclusion of the proceedings later this fall, Judge Zimmer is expected to finalize his written report containing his findings and recommendations, as per the Terms of Reference outlined in the [Inquiry Mandate](#).

For additional background on the on the Desmond Fatality Inquiry, as well as archived webcasts and transcripts of past proceedings, please visit www.desmondinquiry.ca.

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