

**NOTES FOR A SPEECH  
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**CHANGE IN DIRECTION  
PROCEEDING WITH GOOD GOVERNMENT PHASE**

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The Toronto Computer Leasing Inquiry (TCLI) is in its final stages. Barring further developments, we have only a few remaining witnesses. As we begin to hear the evidence of the last few witnesses, I would like to inform the public of the direction we are heading.

After this Inquiry was established, City Council asked me to examine some additional issues. In doing so, it created a second inquiry – the Toronto External Contracts Inquiry (TECI). That second Inquiry was scheduled to start next month. It was to be followed by an in-depth examination of issues relating to good municipal government that are an essential part of my Terms of Reference.

I have decided to change that order. I will now move from the Toronto Computer Leasing Inquiry directly into the examination of good government. I want to explain why I am making that change.

Next week, Toronto will elect a new mayor and a new City Council. All the main candidates for mayor have proposed changes to the way the City conducts business. All of them discuss integrity, conflict of interest guidelines, rules on lobbying, and the need for transparency in government. It seems clear that whoever is elected mayor plans to address these integrity issues as an early priority.

I believe my task of exploring good government issues will help Toronto most if I address them in an earlier time frame. This will give the new mayor and new Council the

opportunity to include this Inquiry's work in their deliberations on how to better serve the people of Toronto.

The Supreme Court of Canada, in its discussion of the value of public inquiries, has stated that "good government depends in part on the availability of good information." I would like the new mayor and new Council to have our research on good government early in their term.

Under my direction, Commission Counsel David Butt has managed the preparations for the good government phase to ensure that it is comprehensive and responds to issues of concern that the Inquiry has uncovered. Indeed, much of the work we have done deals directly with integrity, lobbying, conflicts of interest, codes of conduct, tendering practices, transparency, and accountability. This list makes it evident why I believe the Inquiry can better serve the City's interests by making our information available earlier.

I will begin the good government phase in early January 2004 after appropriate consultation with the parties with standing. I do not expect this change in direction to affect the budget approved by Council.

As I have stated previously, after I have completed both Inquiries and the good government phase, I will write one report that will include recommendations on good government. I hope my recommendations will improve the way the City conducts business. And I hope my recommendations will help the City avoid problems before they arise.