

November 6, 2019

Dear Aboriginal Affairs Committee Members:

Re: Frequency of Meetings and Quorum

Further to our last meeting I would request that the above-described topics be added for discussion as agenda items at our upcoming meeting. The following is a summary of my concerns:

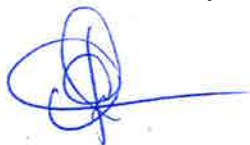
SUMMARY:

I do not believe that 4 meetings per year is a sufficient number to permit the Committee to provide timely input to the range of issues which the Committee can reasonably be expected to deal with. At the same time, I am concerned that a requirement to have a minimum of 50% of the Committee in attendance at all times in order for business to be conducted runs the risk of having already infrequent meetings even less frequent in the event that for some reason, quorum cannot be obtained.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) I recommend that the Committee meet a minimum of 6 times per calendar year or such other number (greater than 4) as the Committee decides at the November 2019 Committee meeting;
- 2) I recommend that, if legally permissible, quorum be set at a percentage lower than 50%, with that percentage to be determined as a result of a discussion to be held at the November 2019 meeting of the Committee and to be applied for the remainder of 2019 and 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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