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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

RELATING TO THE COURT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ORDER

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE
CHIEF JUSTICE HINKSON

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Friday, the 10th day of
July 2020

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION:

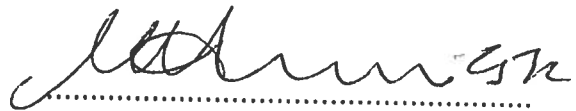
WHEREAS

1. On March 18, 2020, pursuant to the *Emergency Program Act*, R.S.B.C 1996, c. 111, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General made Ministerial Order No. M073 declaring that a state of emergency exists throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and has since extended the provincial state of emergency;
2. On March 19, 2020, I suspended regular operations of the Supreme Court of British Columbia ("Court") at all of its locations to protect the health and safety of Court users and to help contain the spread of COVID-19;
3. On April 22, 2020, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General made Ministerial Order No. M121. The Order authorizes me and the Associate Chief Justice to make certain orders until the state of emergency expires or is cancelled; and
4. To facilitate the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of proceedings while protecting the health and safety of Court users, I have determined that all case planning conferences may proceed by telephone.

THIS COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. The requirement in Rule 5-2(3)(a) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* to attend in person at the first case planning conference held in an action does not apply.

2. This Order will remain in effect until the state of emergency expires or is cancelled or until further order by me or the Associate Chief Justice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ch. Hinkson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "H".

Chief Justice Christopher E. Hinkson

Supreme Court of British Columbia