



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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Wednesday, the 30th day of
June, 2021

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 ("Minister") 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 including judicial officers, litigants, counsel, courthouse staff and the public and to help contain the spread of COVID-19;
3. On April 22, 2020, the Minister made Ministerial Order No. M121 which authorizes me and the Associate Chief Justice to make certain orders until the state of emergency expires or is cancelled; and
4. Between April 27, 2020 and April 12, 2021, in order to facilitate the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every proceeding while protecting the health and safety of Court users including judicial officers, litigants, counsel, courthouse staff and the public, I made the following orders:
 - a. COVID-19 Order No. 001, dated April 27, 2020;
 - b. COVID-19 Order No. 002, dated May 13, 2020;
 - c. COVID-19 Order No. 003, dated June 5, 2020;
 - d. COVID-19 Order No. 004, dated July 13, 2020;

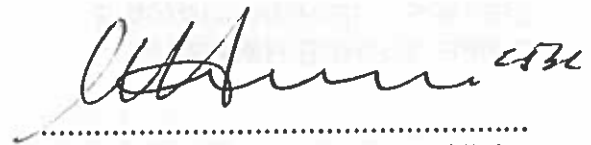
- e. COVID-19 Order No. 005, dated July 13, 2020;
- f. COVID-19 Order No. 006, dated July 10, 2020; and
- g. COVID-19 Order No. 007, dated April 12, 2021.

(collectively "Court's COVID-19 Orders")

5. On July 10, 2020, the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, S.B.C. 2020, c. 8 ("Act") came into force and Ministerial Order No. M121 was enacted as a provision of that Act.

THIS COURT ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Court's COVID-19 Orders will remain in effect until further order by me or the Associate Chief Justice.



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Chief Justice Christopher E. Hinkson

Supreme Court of British Columbia