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FOREWORD

The inquiry reported here was *not* a comprehensive study of amateur hockey. Nor was it intended to be one. It did *not* deal with organization, with governance, with jurisdictions, with leadership, with alleged parental interference, or with many of the other matters which are claimed by various critics and observers to be the problem areas in organized hockey.

Instead, the inquiry focused specifically and exclusively upon *the rights of individuals* in amateur hockey. The recommendations that the study generated relate to that one issue only.

The study was commissioned by the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation of the Government of Alberta. That Department was encouraged to proceed with the inquiry because of a series of disputes between youthful hockey players and their League or Association officials and as a result of specific requests by some of these individuals that the Government intervene in the disputes.

Much of the background research was conducted by Roger Jackson. Legal advice was provided by Paul Klinge. A panel of experts reacted to a preliminary draft and recommended a series of changes which were incorporated into a subsequent draft. Finally, certain other individuals, associated with amateur hockey, with the legal system, and with the Alberta Human Rights and

Civil Liberties Association made useful suggestions during the preparation of this final report. Appreciation is expressed to these and other persons who contributed in any way to the study.

The next step in the inquiry is to be a set of public reaction seminars, one to be held in the North of the Province and one in the South.

This report is submitted to the Honourable Mr. Horst Schmid, Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation, and to the citizens of Alberta in the hope that it may precipitate appropriate action to safeguard the personal rights of individuals who play organized hockey in this Province.

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