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**SCHOOL ACT**

**ALBERTA REGULATION 4/99**

**PRACTICE REVIEW OF TEACHERS REGULATION**

**DECISION OF THE PRACTICE REVIEW PANEL**

**REGARDING MR. LORNE DONALD BEAGLE**

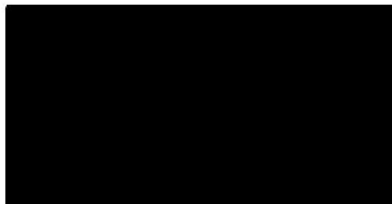
**HEARING HELD ON JUNE 30, 2005**


**AT EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

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**PANEL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chair  
Public Member:  
Teacher Member  
Teacher Member  
Teacher Member




The Hearing was held on June 30, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Harley Court Building. A Court Reporter  formally recorded the proceedings.

The following were present at the hearing:

**LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE PANEL:**

, Alberta Justice

**REGISTRAR:**

Under Section 14(1) of the *Practice Review of Teachers Regulation (Regulation)*   represented the Registrar,  (Director, Teacher Development and Certification Branch, Alberta Education).

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

  
Teacher Development and Certification  
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**TEACHER:**

Mr. Lorne Donald Beagle, the teacher was not in attendance. The Panel heard evidence that in accordance with section 17 of the *Regulation* proof of service of the notice of hearing was obtained. Additionally, written permission was received from Mr. Beagle to proceed in his absence.

**MANDATE OF THE PRACTICE REVIEW PANEL:**

To investigate the complaint that Mr. Beagle's actions constituted unprofessional conduct as defined under section 19 of the *Regulation*.

**HISTORY OF COMPLAINT:**

On March 8, 2002 the Registrar, Alberta Education was notified by the British Columbia College of Teachers that Mr. Lorne Donald Beagle's certificate of qualification to teach had been cancelled. This cancellation was the result of a sub-committee hearing of the Discipline Committee of the British Columbia College of Teachers who met on November 26, 2001 at the College offices to inquire into allegations of professional misconduct or other conduct unbecoming a member further to a conviction on November 17, 2000 under Section 153 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. The Registrar appointed an investigator on August 20, 2002 to investigate this matter and on November 18, 2003 reappointed an investigator. On January 7, 2004 the Registrar notified the teacher that based on the investigative report he was referring the complaint to a Practice Review Panel.

**PROCEEDINGS:**

Prior to the start of the hearing, as part of preliminary matters, the hearing was opened to the public.

**EVIDENCE:**

The Registrar presented the following evidence to the Panel:

- Information was obtained from the British Columbia College of Teachers with respect to Lorne Donald Beagle's involvement for sexual purpose with a young

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person with whom he was in position of trust or authority. He was convicted on or about November 17, 2001 in the Provincial Court of British Columbia of one count of breach of section 153 of the Criminal Code of Canada. The conviction resulted in a conditional discharge and probation for one year. The details related to these charges found in the investigator's report were brought to the attention of the Panel.

- The Sub-Committee of the Discipline Committee of the British Columbia College of Teachers inquired into allegations of professional misconduct or other conduct unbecoming a member pursuant to sections 28 and 30 of the Teaching Profession Act and unanimously agreed that Mr. Beagle's certificate be cancelled.
- A document search verified that Lorne Donald Beagle, recommended for cancellation of qualifications by the British Columbia College of Teachers is one and the same teacher having held Alberta Interim Teaching Certificate [REDACTED] from November 28, 1997 to August 31, 2000.
- Mr. Beagle's conviction of one count of breach of section 153 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* for his involvement for sexual purpose with a young person with whom he was in a position of trust constitutes unprofessional conduct that is detrimental to the best interests of students, the public or teachers generally.
- Having been found guilty of professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a member of the British Columbia College of Teachers and having had his certificate cancelled brings into question the suitability for Mr. Beagle to hold an Alberta teaching certificate given that his conduct is detrimental to the best interests of students, the public and teachers generally.

**PANEL'S FINDING:**

The Panel received evidence that Mr. Beagle was convicted of an indictable offence and that this constitutes unprofessional conduct in that it is detrimental to the best interest of students, the public or teachers generally.

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**PANEL'S RECOMMENDATION:**

On the basis of the findings, the Panel recommends to the Minister of Education that Mr. Lorne Donald Beagle's Alberta Interim Professional Teaching Certificate be cancelled.



Chair  
Practice Review Panel

July 27, 2005  
Date