

# **Justices of the Peace Review Council**

**IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING UNDER SECTION 11.1 OF THE  
*JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, c. J.4, AS AMENDED,**

## **Concerning a Complaint about the Conduct of Justice of the Peace Dianne Ballam**

Before:      The Honourable Justice Joseph A. De Filippis, Chair  
                 Her Worship Liisa Ritchie, Justice of the Peace Member  
                 Ms. Lauren Rakowski, Community Member

### **ORDER FOR A PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Marie Henein and Maya Borooah  
Presenting Counsel

Justin Khorana-Medeiros  
Counsel Appearing on Behalf of Her Worship Ballam

1. A Complaints Committee of the Justices of the Peace Review Council (the "Review Council"), pursuant to subsection 11(15)(c) of the *Justices of the Peace Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. J.4, as amended (the "Act"), has ordered that the complaint regarding the conduct or actions of Justice of the Peace Dianne Ballam be referred to a Hearing Panel of the Review Council for a formal hearing under section 11.1 of the *Act*.
2. The hearing was scheduled to convene on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
3. On February 24, 2021, the Hearing Panel heard a motion by Her Worship Ballam to adjourn the hearing and granted the motion, with written reasons to follow.
4. On February 24, 2021, the Hearing Panel ordered a pre-hearing conference on the basis that both counsel were of the view that a pre-hearing conference might assist them in narrowing the issues, determining whether any evidence might be tendered by way of an Agreed Statement of Facts, and to determine an accurate estimate of the length of time needed for the hearing.
5. The hearing is to be scheduled to commence in March 2021. At the request of Presenting Counsel, who expressed concerns about Her Worship deliberately delaying the hearing, the Hearing Panel requested that the Registrar schedule the pre-hearing conference no later than March 12, 2021.

Dated at the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario, March 2, 2021

HEARING PANEL:

The Honourable Justice Joseph A. De Filippis, Chair

Her Worship Liisa Ritchie, Justice of the Peace Member

Ms. Lauren Rakowski, Community Member