

Brownell Told to Stay Out of It

"I love to serve people, I like to fight for the little guy"

(Jim Brownell MPP, 3 October 2003, Ottawa Citizen)



From the Red Flag Committee

When it comes to addressing concerns about the mandate and judge for the upcoming sex abuse inquiry, Jim Brownell, MPP and elected representative for the citizens of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh, has been told to "stay out of it."

Unfortunately, at this point at least, Brownell seems to be paying heed, and his expressed desire to serve his constituents and fight for the little guy seems to have fallen on hard times.

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Jim Brownell's Cornwall office

During a one-hour meeting with members of the Red Flag Committee :

1. Mr. Brownell said he was contacted by Attorney General Michael Bryant the day the red Flag Committee was formed and told: "The inquiry is on."
2. Mr. Brownell was told: "The inquiry is on. And, you're to stay out of it." Asked who told him that, a flustered Mr. Brownell paused, then said it was his office staff.
3. Mr. Brownell was told to direct people with concerns about the Glaude appointment to Glaude's office and website. He acknowledged that Glaude does not have an office in Cornwall. (It also seems that he does not have a website.)

Mr. Brownell also said that he had the final say on an appointment which was "canned" because the judge had ties to a Project Truth case and he refused to accept a judge with ties to Project Truth cases. However, he could not explain how a judge with connections to PT made it through the screening process at all, nor could he say what was entailed in the screening process. He also had no idea who assisted Mr. Bryant in the selection process, but thought it was possibly someone in the office of the Attorney General.

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