

NOTICE OF MOTION
Toronto City Council
October 2 - 4, 2001

RE: Request for Public Inquiry Into the Killing (Murder) of Anthony “Dudley” George

WHEREAS, September 6, 2001 marked the sixth anniversary of the death of Anthony “Dudley” George, the first native Canadian to be killed by police in a land claims dispute; and

WHEREAS, Anthony “Dudley” George was shot by an OPP officer at Ipperwash Provincial Park on September 6, 1995, when a group of more than 200 OPP officers assembled to remove 30 unarmed native activists from the park; and

WHEREAS, Since then, evidence has emerged directly linking the decision to remove protesters from the park with influence at the highest levels of the provincial government, including the Premier, Mike Harris, and members of his office; and

WHEREAS, Despite repeated demands for a public inquiry from George’s family, the UN Human Rights Committee, the Federal government, Gerry Phillips - MPP Scarborough – Agincourt, Howard Hampton – leader of provincial opposition, and many social justice groups, Premier Mike Harris has refused to call an impartial investigation into the shooting; and

WHEREAS, There has been great public outcry, both in the City of Toronto and across Canada against the procedures and actions of the OPP on September 6, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Ontario’s Chief Coroner is presently considering holding a formal inquest into the shooting of Anthony “Dudley” George; and

WHEREAS, The family of Anthony “Dudley” George is taking legal action against Premier Mike Harris, members of his government, and police for wrongful death, but has said the civil suit will be dropped if a public provincial inquiry and a coroner’s inquest are carried out; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Toronto City Council formally request a public inquiry into the killing of Anthony “Dudley” George, to release all the facts into the public domain to end future speculation as to political influence and to obtain justice for Anthony George and the George family.

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Moved By: Councillor Michael Walker
Seconded By: Councillor Sandra Bussin

