



SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

COUNSEL/ENDORSEMENT SLIP

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TITLE OF PROCEEDING: **EQUITABLE BANK v. JAMES GAULT HOLDINGS INC. et al**

BEFORE: **JUSTICE CONWAY**

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ENDORSEMENT OF JUSTICE CONWAY:

- [1] **All defined terms used in this Endorsement shall, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings ascribed to them in the Factum of the Receiver dated January 12, 2024.**
- [2] The Receiver brings this motion for approval of the Sale Process, authorization to execute the Listing Agreement, approval of an increase to the Receiver's borrowing limit from \$500,000 to \$900,000, approval of the Receiver's interim statement of receipts and disbursements as at December 31, 2023, approval of fees and disbursements of the Receiver and its legal counsel as set out in the First Report, and an order sealing the Confidential Appendices to the First Report.
- [3] The motion is unopposed. The Secured Creditor supports the Sale Process proposed by the Receiver.
- [4] I am satisfied that the relief should be granted. In particular, the Sale Process involves marketing the Real Property together with the adjacent Berkeley Church Property, which is also in receivership. All of those parcels are owned by the same principal, Mr. Wheler. While the properties are to be marketed together, the process affords maximum flexibility for the purchaser to acquire the properties together or separately. The properties are to be marketed without a listing price to allow the market to speak to their fair value. The Sale Process has now been adjusted from 5 to 8 weeks, reflecting the input of Mr. Wheler.
- [5] I am further satisfied that the Listing Agreement with Colliers should be approved in light of, among other things, its familiarity with the properties, its marketing proposal that the Receiver says is comprehensive and realistic, and its competitive commission structure.
- [6] I approve the increase in the borrowing charge, the Receiver's activities as set out in the First Report and the fees and disbursements of the Receiver and its counsel.
- [7] I grant the sealing order for the Confidential Appendices to the First Report, which set out appraisals and broker proposals for the Real Property, pending the closing or further court order. I am satisfied that the sealing order for the Confidential Appendices meets the test in *Sierra Club/Sherman Estates* and that disclosure of this information would pose a risk to the public interest in enabling stakeholders of a company in receivership to maximize the realization of assets. **I direct counsel for the Receiver to file a hard copy of the Confidential Appendices with the Commercial List office in a sealed envelope with a copy of the Signed Order and this Endorsement.**

