

**DECISION OF THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE  
OF THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS  
IN THE MATTER OF**

**A COMPLAINT SUBMITTED BY THE REGISTRAR  
REGARDING JOHN HAMILTON ROBSON**

**PANEL:** Nick Forte, Heather Nagy, Anne Marie Levesque

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The Investigation Committee has disposed of this matter without a full investigation. The information contained within the following summary has been provided by the Complainant(s) and does not contain any input from the Member, John Hamilton Robson. Unless otherwise stated in its Decision, no determination has been made by the Investigation Committee in respect to the veracity, or otherwise, of the allegations and information provided by the Complainant(s).

On April 16, 2007, the Limestone District School Board (the "Board") notified the Ontario College of Teachers (the "College") about one of its employees, John Hamilton Robson, pursuant to its obligation under section 43.3(1) of the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996*.

John Hamilton Robson (the "Member") was deemed a member of the College by way of his Ontario Teaching Certificate (1958 and 1979). The Member's certificate of qualification was suspended for non-payment of fees on May 8, 1998 and the Member was deemed retired on April 17, 2003.

The Member was employed by the former Frontenac County School Board until his retirement in 1988.

According to the information provided by the Board, in December 2006, the Member pleaded guilty to a charge of gross indecency 30 years ago with a former 13-year-old student. The Member was recently sentenced to a year in provincial jail, followed by 18 months probation with no contact with the victim, except once through probation services, to tender a written apology to the victim.

On June 22, 2007, the complaint against the Member was assessed as suitable for the College's Dispute Resolution Program. On September 19, 2007, the parties indicated that they were amenable to participating in dispute resolution.

The parties signed a Memorandum of Agreement, which, in their opinion, resolved the issues raised by the complaint.

## Allegations

The Registrar alleges that John Hamilton Robson, a retired teacher formerly with the Frontenac County Board of Education, acted inappropriately and unprofessionally in that he:

1. in the 1970s, engaged in sexual conduct with a [REDACTED] year old male; and,
2. in so doing, contravened laws that are relevant to the member's suitability to hold a certificate of qualification and registration and that have caused or may cause a student under the member's professional supervision to be put at or to remain at risk.

## Documents Considered by the Committee

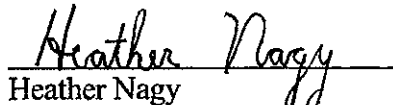
- Request for Ratification
- Letter from Superintendent of Human Resources and Schools to Registrar re. notification, dated April 16, 2007, with attachments:
  - Newspaper article
  - Member's personnel information from Board
- Letter from Manager, Investigations to Superintendent of Human Resources and Schools re. request for additional information, dated May 25, 2007
- Memo from Registrar to Co-ordinator of Investigations and Hearings re. Registrar's Complaint, dated June 21, 2007
- Request to Initiate Investigation form, dated June 21, 2007
- Letter from Registrar to Member re. Registrar's complaint, dated September 10, 2007
- Memo from Investigator re. Notification to Member, dated August 31, 2007
- Fax Cover Sheet from Investigator to Court Clerk, dated July 25, 2007
- Letter from Investigator to Court Clerk re. request for court information, dated July 25, 2007
- Fax Transmission Confirmation, dated July 25, 2007
- Court Information
- Memorandum of Agreement signed by the parties

## Decision of the Committee


On December 19, 2007, a panel of the Investigation Committee considered this complaint and, in accordance with the provisions of 26(5)(d) of the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996*, the Investigation Committee ratified the attached Memorandum of Agreement. This is based on the opinion of the Committee that the terms of this Agreement resolve the complaint in the public interest.



Nick Forte, Chair



Heather Nagy



Anne Marie Levesque