

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE  
OF THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996*, and the Regulation (Ontario Regulation 437/97) thereunder;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a discipline proceeding against Francine Stowell, OCT, a member of the Ontario College of Teachers.

PANEL:            Darlene Mead, OCT, Chair  
                      Pauline Smart  
                      Jacques Tremblay, OCT

BETWEEN:	)	Lisa Filgiano,
	)	McCarthy Tétrault LLP,
	)	for Ontario College of Teachers,
ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS	)	assisted by Jennifer Robinson,
	)	Law Clerk
- and -	)	
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FRANCINE STOWELL	)	Allyson Otten and Salama Rajab,
CERTIFICATE #104261)	)	Ontario Principals' Council,
	)	for Francine Stowell
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	)	Julie Maciura,
	)	Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc,
	)	Independent Legal Counsel
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	)	Heard: April 27, 2011

**DECISION ON MOTION**

Counsel for the College brought a motion to seek leave from the Committee to withdraw the allegations set out in the *Notice of Hearing* dated November 25, 2010.

Francine Stowell was not in attendance.

College counsel sought to withdraw the allegations in the Notice of Hearing. Counsel indicated that, based on the facts of this case, there was no reasonable prospect of a finding of professional misconduct. Counsel for the Member concurred.

Independent legal counsel advised the Committee that it had jurisdiction to make the order requested pursuant to Rule 13(16) of the *Rules of Procedure of the Discipline Committee*.

Having considered the submissions of College Counsel and Counsel for the Member, and upon the consent of the parties, the Committee authorizes the College to withdraw the allegations of professional misconduct against Francine Stowell set out in the *Notice of Hearing* dated November 25, 2010.

The Committee determined that the request for withdrawal is reasonable and appropriate and serves the public interest.

Date: April 28, 2011

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