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2017 Automobile Insurance Review

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Present:

The Board:

Darlene Whalen, Chair and CEO Dwanda Newman, Vice-Chair James Oxford, Commissioner **Board Staff:**

Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary

Participants:

Doug McCarthy Dave Fleming, North West Taxi

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1	(1:34 P.M.)	1	step up to the plate and introduce major
2	MR. MCCARTHY:	2	changes to the insurance industry in this
3	Q. Good afternoon, my name is Doug McCarthy.	3	province. The time has come for the
4	As you are all aware, I'm the spokesperson for	4	province to introduce a provincial insurance
5	the taxi industry to some degree, but more	5	program whereby all drivers are insured
6	importantly a spokesperson for myself. Let	6	yearly with their plate renewal or some such
7	me start by saying thank you to the Chair	7	system. We can no longer sustain the
8	and the Board for allowing me the	8	continuous double digit rate increases and
9	opportunity to address you today. As we are	9	still maintain a viable industry, nor can
10	all aware that this hearing will, in the	10	consumers continue to face higher rate
11	end, provide the government with the	11	increases to their own vehicle insurance
12	information needed for the government to	12	simply for the sake of higher earnings for
13	decide what changes, if any, they will	13	insurance companies, lawyers and soft tissue
14	implement for the auto insurance industry in	14	injury victims.
15	this Province. Since my last presentation	15	Once again, I thank you for your time
16	in June there has been major changes in the	16	and that's all I have to say; short and
17	local taxi industry as compared today. Two	17	sweet.
18	major companies representing two communities	18	CHAIR:
19	have closed out their businesses after years	19	Q. Thank you, Mr. McCarthy. So, you're
20	of providing service to the public, to their	20	retiring essentially.
21	respective communities. Mt. Pearl saw the	21	MR. MCCARTHY:
22	loss of Valley Cabs in July; and just this	22	Q. The 23rd, well midnight of the 22nd.
23	month, Paradise lost Cy's Taxi. The simple	23	CHAIR:
24	reason that these two companies of long	24	Q. Of this month?
25	standing service to their communities sold	25	MR. MCCARTHY:
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1	Q. Yes, that's right.	1	that all have it. Their rates are a lot
2	MR. MCCARTHY:	2	lower. I mean, Winnipeg has got a weird
3	Q. You know, I mean, if the law says I'm to be	3	system. I was just out there on a
4	insured based on my personal driving record,	4	convention. They have a time-of-day
5	how then do I end up in Facility? That's	5	insurance. Your look—yeah, I was blown away
6	the major question that nobody can answer or	6	when I heard that too. If you drive Monday
7	they won't provide an answer. Why am I in	7	to Friday daytime, you pay one rate. If you
8	Facility when a drunk driver with three	8	drive Monday to Friday nighttime, you pay
9	convictions pays less for car insurance than	9	another rate. If you drive Saturday and
10	what I pay for insurance? There's something	10	Sunday daytime, you pay another rate. And
11	wrong with the system and the system has got	11	if you only drive Saturday and Sunday night,
12	to change.	12	you pay another rate again. So, it all
13	CHAIR:	13	depends on when you're on the road, I guess.
14	Q. We've certainly heard that same sentiment.	14	But I mean, Winnipeg is a city of 800,000
15	MR. MCCARTHY:	15	people. They're basic rates are still lower
16	Q. Yeah, I mean, like I said, Cy's Taxi and	16	than ours. So, I mean, like I said,
17	Valley Cabs were in business for years.	17	something has to change and it has to change
18	They just couldn't afford the insurance	18	drastically and quickly or there will be
19	premiums. I mean I know, I was talking with	19	more and more taxi drivers—like I know I've
20	Cy this time last year and they were saying	20	been talking to a couple already that one is
21	that by the end of this summer, with rate	21	doing October and another one is doing
22	increases, they weren't going to be around.	22	November, between the two of them they have
23	And Grant said the same thing, keep going	23	six cars; not going to renew, can't afford
24	up, I won't be in business, I can't afford	24	it. So, there's six more vehicles that will
25	it. I mean, Valley Cabs had close on 25	25	come off the road. I mean, for every one
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	cars on the road, 28. They are now being	1	vehicle that comes off the road, you're
2	serviced with 15 because at the present time	2	looking at potentially 10 drunks on a Friday
3	that's all the cars we could afford to put	3	or Saturday night that are not going to get
4	out there. Cy's Taxi had 12 cars; they're	4	a taxi. If they don't get a taxi; what are
)	not being serviced by four. Again, simply	5	they going to do? They're going to drive
6	numbers; we can't afford to put more cars	6	their own car.
7	out there at this particular point in time,	7	CHAIR:
8	primarily due to insurance rates. I mean,	8	Q. So, Mr. McCarthy, are you saying that you're
9	Mr. Newell is looking at renewing his	9	selling out to a larger company, so somebody
10	accessible vehicles this month at an	10	else is going to buy your license.
11	increase of \$17,000.00 per vehicle. You	11	MR. MCCARTHY:
12	know, I mean, and I didn't realize the	12	Q. Hopefully, my license, yeah.
13	extent of work that's in this city for	13	CHAIR:
14	accessible transportation. Those vehicles	14	Q. Okay.
15	are under—he's got 12 vehicles and they are	15	MR. MCCARTHY:
16	on the road 18 hours a day, non-stop. And	16	Q. And if I'm lucky, they'll hire me as a
17	if the rates keep going the way they're	17	driver. If not, then I got to find work
18	going, that's another service that going to	18	someplace else. I mean, I've been driving
19	have to be curtailed or greatly reduced.	19	for, like I said, 14 years of my own license
20	It's just not feasible. So, hopefully, you	20	and I just can't afford to drive anymore.
21	know, with what you're hearing from our side	21	CHAIR:
22	of it, I know the insurance companies aren't	22 23	Q. Well, we hear your message. MR. MCCARTHY:
23 24	going to agree with me, but we need to have	23 24	
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1	dealing with the government, meeting with	1	many million dollars their homes are worth;
2	ministers a year before, I thought that the	2	tell me about their bonuses coming out of
3	CDC or whatever they calls it, I thought	3	that company. Let them figures come out to
4	that was a place with the federal government	4	the public of what's going on, no money, Cal
5	regarding insurances that you phoned if you	5	LeGrow, but yet they're starting up a
6	have complaints or problems. Jesus, they're	6	finance company. Now, how do you do that
7	owned by the insurance companies, paying	7	with no money?
8	them, paying them.	8	(2:30 p.m.)
9	CHAIR:	9	MR. FLEMING:
10	Q. You're referring to the IBC.	10	Q. I can't figure it out. They got no money.
11	MR. FLEMING:	11	You don't know what they got in reserves;
12	Q. Yes, the IBC. You tell me that that's not	12	you don't know what they're making interest.
13	conflict of interest. We had a lawyer	13	This is why this should have been an
14	representing us, a lawyer, that's not a	14	inquiry. This shouldn't have come to the
15	conflict of interest. Is that not a	15	Public Utilities Board. And to know that
16	conflict of interest? A lawyer representing	16	here they were meeting behind your backs for
17	us, dealing with lawyers and insurances and	17	a year with government officials and the
18	all this and that. You don't even know how	18	industry not even know. What's what
19	much the lawyers took out of the system. I	19	supposed to be? Hiding? Making up plans?
20	got no answers down there and I heard no	20	Why wasn't it public? Going on a whole year
21	answers. And I heard no questions from the	21	meeting with different ministers. I don't
22	Board members, none. They just got up and	22	think my father went overseas for this kind
23	yacked off the insurance companies and this	23	of stuff, not only himhe was lucky he came
24	and that. There was a piece in the paper	24	home. But if it was six years of you can
25	yesterday that they were over charging	25	imagine, hell. That's what him and everyone
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1	people on insurances the past few years.	1	else went overseas for, for democracy, not
2	You go to them and see them a hundred times,	2	laid out plans between the councils and the
3	deny, deny your claim, deny your claim. I'm	3	governments and the boards and the this and
4	after hearing it from hundreds of people out	4	the that. You can't get answers, whether it
5	there. Government turns around—is the	5	be here, whether it be City Hall or whether
6	government running them or are they running	6	it be the government, they bar people out.
7	the government, making threats like they did	7	Phone and make an appointment. What do you
8	in Nova Scotia, to pull out. Now, what kind	8	want—do up a brief and give it to us. Yeah,
9	of a tactic is that? And they know they're	9	so you can have your answers when you gets
10	getting away with it. Then turn around and	10	there. Is that freedom of speech? Not,
11	pay for your insurance, now they got a	11	it's not. No good for me now, no good for
12	deductible on it. I'm after—they came into	12	me now. I was fighting for a business that
13	my house since I started this procedure, my	13	my father started 43 years ago, by himself,
14	home and went right through my home, had	14	started out with one car, had to feed 11
15	somebody sent in. Know what they got? I	15	youngsters and a wife. That's what he
16	had to change the oil barrel with the number	16	started out with. I'm not in no five or six
17	on it from the provincial government that	17	hundred thousand dollar home. I'm not down
18	says it's good for another five years. They	18	on the lot with a brand new vehicle every
19	made me spend \$3,000.00 or they were going	19	year, second year, because I got bills to
20	to cancel my insurance out in 31 days,	20	pay, payroll deductions to pay, employees to
21	00 000 00 T1 1 1 1 TE1 12 121	1 21	pay, leases, HST, this and that, on and on
1	\$3,000.00—I had to change over. That's like	21	* •
22	mafia! We're not dealing with ordinary	22	and on, your council taxes, your business
22 23	mafia! We're not dealing with ordinary businesses. Those guys are getting on like	22 23	and on, your council taxes, your business taxes, your this taxes. I mean, it's next
22	mafia! We're not dealing with ordinary	22	and on, your council taxes, your business

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1	public? You must hear the same things I	1	that they throws in there, their legal this.
2	hear on radios and TVs. Elderly people, you	2	That's who they all stood up for them,
3	know, that's some system, 83 year old woman	3	lawyers, and they're well able to pay them,
4	over laid out on three or four chairs	4	let me tell you, from what they're doing to
5	waiting to get into Emerg. I mean, that's	5	people. The same trap they did in Nova
6	not reality. You got the doctors fighting	6	Scotia, same as in Ontario, same thing, but
7	back at the government. How come the taxi	7	they were never challenged, they were never
8	industry can't be an association and be	8	challenged. Now, you got cars out going
9	regulated themselves. You got the dentists.	9	around, I'll tell you, driving with no
10	You go the doctors, you got the lawyers, all	10	license. How many are after being picked up
11	of them are ran by themselves, ran by	11	with no license? I told you before, I lost
12	themselves, makes the rules, makes the	12	a car, a Crown Victoria, come down Hamlyn
13	regulations, veterinarians, dentists, you	13	Road, going through his green light to go
14	can go on and on. So, how come the taxi men	14	down, buddy comes through the red light in a
15	don't have the freedom for that? They got	15	wine van, there was people by the store that
16	to go home, they got a wife and kids to make	16	identified the van, got the license plate
17	sure they got something to put in their	17	number. So, I called my insurance, no,
18	belly. What do they go home with when they	18	you're not covered. What? No, you're not
19	can't work? Social Assistance, after	19	covered. That driver has to be identified,
20	working 15, 20 years taxing, I said, now,	20	charged and be brought to court. So, I
21	none of this is fair, none of it. I'll be	21	didn't get paid nothing, my car was wrote
22	quite honest with you and I respect every	22	off. That's what I got from my—my home
23	one of you, but you know in your own heart	23	insurance for 35 years paying insurance,
24	and soul, like I told the two ladies that I	24	never drew a nickel on it, never drew a
25	met with the last time down here, when you	25	nickel and since this issues started, send
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1	goes home and your kids are tucked in a nice	1	me out a letter, due to the severity of the
2	clean bed with their belly full and you and	2	storms in the past few years, we find it
3	your wife go to bed with a full bell, you	3	necessary to increase your insurance. When
4	got your heat, your comfort, your whatever.	4	you have a severe storm, you're not covered,
5	What about the other guys? They don't have	5	Act of God, acts of God. Your contents are
6	the education that you got or the ability to	6	covered in your home, no your furnace is
7	make the money that you're making, do they	7	not, not a part of your contents. That cost
8	matter to the system? I don't know of any	8	me \$4,000.00 when I thought I was covered
9	other government who would do that to their	9	with my oil company because I was paying a
10	people. They're talking about working,	10	premium for insurance. No, that's only for
11	they're talking about hard times and all	11	maintenance, once a year. I mean, they're
12	that, but to take and do that. I was forced	12	screwing the people left, right and centre.
13	out, forced out. I've had 2 strokes and the	13	And all those people who are supposed to be
14	last one I had was 2011 and I kept that	14	protecting us are allowing it to go on and
15	place going. Why? Because it was a promise	15	allowing it to happen. Look at what
16	I made to my father when he was dying that	16	happened down to the schoolboard last week
17	year, to look after my mother and see if I	17	or a week and a half ago. Look at the story
18	can keep the business going, look after the	18	in the paper yesterday about the insurance
19	boys. I did it for 30 years and here in the	19	companies overcharging people and get away
20	last two years they sunk me. Insurances	20	with it. They're coming to you forcing your
21	sunk me. They don't care about you or they	21	hand and whatever went on with that year
22	don't care about me. On the back of it, you	22	they had the meetings with the different
1 22	need to be a Philadelphia lawyer to	23	ministers, that where the scam came up at.
23	need to be a r illiadelpina law yer to	23	ministers, that where the seam came up at:
23 24	understand it, could be, might be, blah,	24	And then they throws it down here in your
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1	shouldn't have come to the PUB, it should	1	to tell me that I had a month to have that
2	have been an inquiry put into it to what's	2	barrel removed and replaced with a
3	going on with insurance companies. I'm	3	fibreglass or they were going to cancel my
4	after hearing stories a dozen times on Open	4	insurance with a barrel that was approved by
5	Line about insurance companies, what they	5	the government and still have five years on
6	did to people and all that. And 84-year old	6	it and threated to pull my insurance if it
7	man paying insurance 47 years and his roof	7	wasn't done by that month. That, to me,
8	was leaking and they wouldn't cover it.	8	that's almost like mafia. They're basically
9	Paying insurance 47 years and they wouldn't	9	running themselves, that's what it seems
10	pay for the man's roof. That was on Open	10	like to me. Did they come to Public
11	Line about a month ago. So, if they're not	11	Utilities to be able to put deductibles on
12	scammers and thieves, I wouldn't know who	12	people's insurance?
13	are. They can't find enough to bleed you	13	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:
14	and then when you go to them, they got every	14	Q. Did they given you any kind of an
15	angle in the book to deny your claims.	15	explanation at all of why you had to remove
16	That's the game that they're playing and	16	your tank? Was there any rationale given to
17	this is done legally and it's done through	17	you at all?
18	the government. Like I said, for that to	18	MR. FLEMING:
19	come in—somebody hit me, a hit and run,	19	Q. Yeah, due to the possibilities that it may
20	write my car off, call the police, people	20	leak.
21	there that see and got the plate number,	21	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:
22	that vehicle was sold three times, that van	22	Q. Yet, it had not expired.
23	that hit my car and it was never, ever taken	23	MR. FLEMING:
24	out of the last owner's name. Three times	24	Q. No, five years left on it.
25	it was sold and that's what I got, nope,	25	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:
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1	we're not paying for it. He has to be	1	Q. So, there was no leak or nothing like that
2	caught, identified and charged. Now, how do		at that time?
3	you do that with a hit and run? How do you	3	MR. FLEMING:
4	do it with a hit and run? How do you get	4	Q. No, it was five years left on that tank.
5	that person and identify them?	5	And then after that, sent me a letter,
6	CHAIR:	6	they're having someone come in and inspect
7	Q. When did that happen, Mr. Fleming?	7	my home, which they did, went through my
8	MR. FLEMING:	8	home, kitchen, bedrooms, downstairs, rec
9		9	room. What gives them the gall to come into
10	Q. That was back, I believe it was '92 or '93. CHAIR:	10	my house, into my house and be allowed to do
11		11	that or we'll cut your insurance. The same
12	Q. I was just wondering if things were different then.	12	old thing. What they found out when they
	MR. FLEMING:	13	,
13			came in that my house was in top shape. The
14	Q. And that's what I got from my insurance.	14	only issue that came back was that oil
15	So, like I said, and they're like vultures.	15	barrel. So, I paid \$7,000.00 for the
16	They're coming after your homes, you own	16	furnace that no one would cover, even though
17	auto vehicle, private auto vehicles. I	17	I had insurance, both places, know what she
18	mean, they're out of control. They're out	18	told me at the insurance company? Go home,

have to pay it. That's what they're at, so they'll save another fortune. That's what

of control. And they're trying to do here

what they got away with in Nova Scotia,

Ontario and everywhere else, forcing the

government to bring in a cap so they don't

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24 going on in the system out there. For them 25

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system. Something is wrong, seriously

There's nothing wrong with this game or this

Mr. Fleming and buy some heaters and plug

them in. She said go home and—yeah, that's

what she told me, a representative of this

plug them in. This was in the winter.

Intact. Go home and buy some heaters and

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	wrong. And you go back to those guys and	1	form one, see if there ways that they could
2	they got all their own legal lawyers and	2	help the taxi men absorb some of the costs
3	twist this and turn that and write it this	3	and all, couldn't care less. Phoned Debbie
4	way, put it that way, deny, deny, deny. And	4	Hanlon twice, she's supposed to be taxi
5	that's what you're getting out of the	5	committee, looking after—gone with the wind.
6	insurance companies. And they telling you	6	That's what they thinks here. And like I
7	they're making no money in Newfoundland.	7	told my boys all this week when they come
8	Bull! When the lawyer stood up out there	8	around, nothing will happen until you puts
9	and said they took in \$120,000,000.00 profit	9	the place up. That day up on Confederation
10	out of here last year. He must know	10	Building and the gall of that Sherry Gambin-
11	something, the man, for to make a statement	11	Walsh to send out Transport Canada or
12	like that.	12	Newfoundland what's his name? She didn't do
13	(2:45 p.m.)	13	it in her own district because I took
14	MR. FLEMING:	14	pictures of some vans from Bay Roberts that
15	Q. But they're coming along with their hungry	15	I'd like to show her, they weren't checked,
16	mouths for more, more on your home,	16	but the men were wrong that day. They
17	more on your private vehicle. Can you	17	should have stuck to their guns that St.
18	imagine you paying \$15,000.00 a year, then	18	Patrick's Day weekend, nope, no
19	go pay your stand rent on Friday and then	19	transportation, none and better do it in the
20	your gas in your vehicle, and any repairs	20	winter, do it in the winter, cut them off.
21	that comes up, and then try to make enough	21	I can show you stacks of cards for how many
$\begin{vmatrix} 21\\22\end{vmatrix}$	to feed your family? That's the way those	22	people we drives to groceries, doctor's
23	guys lives. They're out in the rain and the	23	appointments, Health Science, this, that,
24	snow and that's the time they make money,	24	all the regular customers that uses taxis.
25	but nobody hears about them sat for an hour	25	I'm only one stand, imagine the bigger ones.
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	or two in the summer in the boiling heat in	1	So, that's who—I wouldn't need taxi out
2	their car when things are slow. Like I	2	around or when them men are going around,
3	said, I didn't appear before you for myself	3	like I told you, rain and snow, how many
4	because I could be dead in an hour, I could	4	accidents were caused when the city weren't
5	be dead in a year, I don't know. But I know	5	clearing the snow in the night time and it
6	that what I got around me, working for me,	6	all built up to ice and cars going over it.
7	are human beings. I know that much. I know	7	And they expect there not to be accidents.
8	that much. And what's being done to them	8	You come up to a stop sign, that's what the
9	and the way things have been done, like I	9	car ahead of you is on and that's what
10	said, I'm ashamed that my father went	10	you're on. And you depend on stopping on
11	overseas because we're working towards	11	ice? Too late then come out at 8:00, that's
12	communism; keep them away; tell them this in	12	what went on for a few years. So, they
13	their offices down in City Hall; not here.	13	didn't help the insurance either, what they
14	They walks out through two glass doors, go	14	done. Save money, save money, all this and
15	ask him, he brought me there the last two	15	that garbage. And the government, I made
16	years, City Hall, three years we allowed a	16	the statement after they went in, the
17	committee. Why? Because what's his name	17	Liberal government and I'll state it here in
18	down there—what's his name, Freddie?	18	front of you again, in my eyes, they're an
19	FREDDIE:	19	illegitimate government, illegitimate. They
20	Q. Jason Synyard told me I'm chairperson of the	20	got elected on lying to the people. And
21	taxi committee. I said, what are you	21	then when they got in, 300 new taxes threw
22	talking about? You're chair of taxi	22	on top of everyone, after telling they ain't
23	committee? What committee? Where are they	23	doing this and they ain't doing that and
24	to? Who's on the committee? Never did call	24	they're going to this and they're going to
25	a meeting to form on, never did call it to	25	do that. Just go back to their promises
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1	when the campaign was on the go. And then	1	CHAIR:
2	get in and form a government after deceiving	2	Q. Do you have any sense from the new owner
3	the people like that. That's not a	3	that he or she will take your drivers? Will
4	legitimate government. They got in under	4	they go with the company?
5	false pretences and lies. The Governor	5	MR. FLEMING:
6	General out there, he's (sic.) supposed to	6	Q. That's why I sold it.
7	be representing the Queen, well if that's	7	CHAIR:
8	the Queen's government, God help us. God	8	Q. Okay.
9	help us.	9	MR. FLEMING:
10	CHAIR:	10	Q. I got a promise from the one that bought me
11	Q. Mr. Fleming, are you selling your business	11	that my dispatcher stays to work there, that
12	or is it –	12	my drivers, they keep their jobs there.
13	MR. FLEMING:	13	CHAIR:
14	Q. Pardon?	14	Q. Yes.
15	CHAIR:	15	MR. FLEMING:
16	Q. Are you selling your business or is it	16	Q. That's the first thing that I wanted –
17	closing up?	17	CHAIR:
18	MR. FLEMING:	18	Q. That was important to you.
19	Q. No, I'm selling it because I got to get out,	19	MR. FLEMING:
20	I'm losing money every month the last two	20	Q. Yes, it always has been.
21	years. And I have contracts and I got	21	CHAIR:
22	leases and I got to get out. But like I	22	Q. Yes.
23	said, I'm getting out, but I'm only getting	23	MR. FLEMING:
24	a certain amount because when somebody come	24	Q. Always has been, like I said, I don't think
25	to buy it, you know, you only got 13 cars,	25	of myself, I don't need crystal chandeliers
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1	paying \$230.00 a week. You got four	1	in my home or driving around in a Cadillac
2	dispatchers up in your office. You got all	2	or this or that. They're the ones, they
3	your phone lines and your bills and I can go	3	need to eat and live. I kept the cheapest
4	on and on. So, when you're selling it,	4	stand rate in this City, ever since I went
5	that's what it's sold on the basis of, which	5	there, ever since I went there. And I was
6	means, that after 43 years, you lose a lot	6	six years, the last time I put up my stand
7	because they'll have to take over my leases	7	rent and that was up to 230. The rest now,
8	and my contracts and that. So, I had no	8	they paythe claim their HST, but they got
9	other choice.	9	to repay—and then I in turn have to do it up
10	CHAIR:	10	and pay it to the government, the HST that
11	Q. Are you –	11	they paid. So, like I said, it's been a
12	MR. FLEMING:	12	long road and a long life and to the best of
13	Q. I wasn't let her go bankrupt.	13	my ability, I kept my promises because that
14	CHAIR:	14	meant an awful lot to me. And my men come
15	Q. Will it stay at Northwest Taxi or will it be	15	first before I—I could have sold it to
16	renamed and pulled in another company or –	16	others, no, I wanted my dispatchers
	MR. FLEMING:	17	protected. One guy is there 34 years. I
17	MIX. PLEMING.	1 /	
17 18	Q. Pardon?	18	wanted them drivers, that's their choice is
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18	Q. Pardon?	18	wanted them drivers, that's their choice is
18 19	Q. Pardon? CHAIR:	18 19	wanted them drivers, that's their choice is they want to stay or if they wants to go.
18 19 20	Q. Pardon?CHAIR:Q. Will it stay as it is existing or will it be	18 19 20	wanted them drivers, that's their choice is they want to stay or if they wants to go. But if they wants to stay, they're staying.
18 19 20 21	 Q. Pardon? CHAIR: Q. Will it stay as it is existing or will it be pulled into another company? MR. FLEMING: Q. No, it's going to be another company, be 	18 19 20 21 22 23	wanted them drivers, that's their choice is they want to stay or if they wants to go. But if they wants to stay, they're staying. So, that's what comes first to me. The resto of it don't matter to me. Like I said, what's money? You mightn't live to
18 19 20 21 22	Q. Pardon?CHAIR:Q. Will it stay as it is existing or will it be pulled into another company?MR. FLEMING:	18 19 20 21 22 23	wanted them drivers, that's their choice is they want to stay or if they wants to go. But if they wants to stay, they're staying. So, that's what comes first to me. The resto of it don't matter to me. Like I

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	they're the ones who come first to me.	1	Government.
2	Sometimes it's hard to understand this	2	MR. FLEMING:
3	world. The politicians will come and knock	3	Q. I thank you for giving the chance to come
4	on your door, tell you this and promise you	4	and talk to you. That's special to me.
5	that, and then they get elected and get and	5	CHAIR:
6	then the things that they told you don't	6	Q. You're very welcome, sir.
7	happen because they got (phonetic) it back,	7	MR. FLEMING:
8	whoever is the leader of the party. Picking	8	Q. Because it's important that I get out what I
9	a vote for what he wants, that's not—I don't		got inside of me.
10	know, to me that's not a democracy, that's	10	COMMISSIONER OXFORD:
11	not you being allowed to vote your mind or	11	Q. Absolutely.
12	you or you, sir. That is a right that's	12	MR. FLEMING:
13	taken away from you because you're in this	13	Q. As I've seen the pictures. Well, it's left
14	party, what I says goes. So, like I said,	14	to you guys to, I don't know, put the puzzle
15	that's one thing I'll never lose, never, is	15	together or the picture that's going on.
16	the right to speak. Now, I'm not educated,	16	But what I'm saying to you, from the bottom
17	but I can and I will speak and there's an	17	of my heart, I believe you're being scammed
18	awful lot of men that gave me that right to	18	by the insurance companies. That's what I
19	do that. So, like I said, you know, and I	19	believe in my heart. And look at your
20	know the position that you're into and I	20	policies. You're better off asking what I'm
21	don't appreciate it, in the meantime, but	21	not covered for, don't ask what you're
22	it's like being locked between a wrench;	22	covered for. What am I not covered for?
23	this one wants this part and this one wants	23	Why am I paying you this \$1,200.00 a year?
24	this part, but the crooks wins out. The	24	Why are you coming to me because of storm
25	crooks gets what they wants. I'd love to	25	damages where they deny the people under an
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1	know to—to go to the presidents of them	1	Act of God? I don't think God meant that to
2	companies and go buddy, and track down their	2	happen. Men, women and children, like in
3	homes and their this and yachts and you name	3	North Carolina, dead and dying and all this
4	it, and they skinning people alive. I don't	4	_
5	need that. It's going to get worse, it's	5	CHAIR:
6	going to get worse. People will get to the	6	Q. Very sad, yes.
7	point they don't have the money to pay, then	7	MR. FLEMING:
8	they drop the insurance from their home or	8	Q. That's nature; it's not God, you know, but
9	will they drop the insurance from their car.	9	once again, I thank you very much from the
10	And then they're vulnerable out there and	10	bottom of my heart because it meant a lot
11	that wasn't the purpose of it. I mean, you	11	for me to speak and I'll walk away, I done
12	don't go in business to make 100 percent	12	the best for my men, the best for my
13	profit. You know, pay your bills and want	13	dispatchers, but I will not, will not let
14	100 percent profit. That's what those	14	that place hold on to go bankrupt, no. I
15	insurance guys wants and how they gets it,	15	hold my father more than that. So, that's
16	they don't care.	16	the way I'm going to walk away from it. And
17	(3:00 p.m.)	17	I will feel good to myself that I done it
18	CHAIR:	18	and but it got to the point where I couldn't
19	Q. Mr. Fleming, we've heard your message.	19	keep it going, that's all it is.
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20	MR. FLEMING:	20	
20 21	MR. FLEMING: Q. Yeah.	21	Q. You gave it your best shot.
20 21 22	MR. FLEMING: Q. Yeah. CHAIR:	21 22	Q. You gave it your best shot. MR. FLEMING:
20 21 22 23	MR. FLEMING: Q. Yeah. CHAIR: Q. We've heard your message and it will get put	21 22 23	Q. You gave it your best shot.MR. FLEMING:Q. Gave it my best shot and like, I said, life
20 21 22	MR. FLEMING: Q. Yeah. CHAIR:	21 22	Q. You gave it your best shot. MR. FLEMING:

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1	every human being is special, every human	
2	deserves dignity and the right to be happy	
3	and the right to have a job, have a family	
4	and look out for each other. Like I said,	
5	that's the only thing I seen the world—and	
6	get the corruption out of it and the mass	
7	confusion like is in the US since that thing	
8	down there—I can't even watch it anymore.	
9	It will come down to ask for the people to	
10	live by and go by a rapist, a lawyer, God	
11	only knows what the rest of it is and he a	
12	billionaire off the backs of people. The	
13	same immigrants he don't want are the ones	
14	who built Trump Tower for half nothing. So,	
15	God help us if we comes to that.	
16	CHAIR:	
17	Q. We're going to go off record now. Thank	
18	you.	
19	(OFF RECORD – 3:05 P.M.)	
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CERTIFICATE

I, Paulette Murphy, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the statement of Mr. Doug McCarthy and Mr. Dave Fleming in the matter of the 2017 Automobile Insurance Review heard before the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, 120 Torbay Road, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador and was transcribed by me to the best of my ability by means of a sound apparatus.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 19th day of September, 2018

Paulette Murphy

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