

ADVISORY: WEBCAST OF COURT PROCEEDING

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Members of the media and the public are advised that the following proceeding before the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal will be livestreamed on the Courts of Nova Scotia website on Tuesday, March 7, 2023:

CAC-516448 - Tracy Kitch v His Majesty the King

Tracy Kitch was the Chief Executive Officer of the Izaak Walton Killam (IWK) Children's Hospital in Halifax, N.S., from September 2014, until she stepped down in September of 2017. That same year, an investigation by the hospital showed she had used flight passes and a corporate credit card for personal travel and expenses. She repaid the hospital all the money.

In 2018, police charged Ms. Kitch with one count each of fraud over \$5,000 and breach of trust. Following a 12-day trial in the Provincial Court, Ms. Kitch was convicted of fraud and the breach of trust charge was stayed. The full written decision by the Provincial Court is available online <u>here</u>.

Ms. Kitch was sentenced in August 2022 to five months in jail, followed by 12 months' probation. She applied for and received bail pending the outcome of her appeal hearing.

Ms. Kitch is appealing both her conviction and sentence, arguing, among other grounds, that the trial judge erred by convicting her without making factual findings that supported the essential elements of the offences.

This appeal hearing is scheduled for a full day, starting at 10 a.m. AST on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. This matter will be heard by a three-member panel comprised of Justice David Farrar, Justice Anne Derrick and Justice Carole Beaton.

The public can watch the livestream on the Courts of Nova Scotia website here.

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