SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: Nova Scotia (Attorney General) v. Jacques Home Town Dry Cleaners, 2012 NSSC 42

Date: 20120216

Docket: Hfx No. 343066

Registry: Halifax

Between:

The Attorney General of Nova Scotia, representing Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Nova Scotia

Applicant

V.

Jacques Home Town Dry Cleaners

Respondent

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Judge: The Honourable Justice M. Heather Robertson

Heard: August 31, 2011, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Written Decision: February 16, 2012

Subject: Application for the recovery of damages for 10% administration fee relating to the replacement of a culvert, damaged as a result of a motor vehicle accident where the respondent was liable.

Summary: The Province of Nova Scotia charged a 10% administrative fee of \$66.94 for recovery of overheads relating to the cost to repair a damaged culvert.

Issue: Did the amount sought to be recovered "arise naturally from the act complained of" and was the charge reasonable or arbitrary and artificial?

Result: The 10% administrative fee was reasonable and the respondent was ordered to pay the sum of \$66.94.

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