

“The actions of the officers in this incident represent a reasonable escalation and de-escalation of force based upon the actions of the subject. The officers precluded lower force options, specifically high level Officer Presence in conjunction with Communications, by virtue of the fact that they had been attempted and failed.

Once Officer Presence and Tactical Communications fail officers must necessarily escalate to the application of physical force. The officers used an Intermediate Weapon, specifically a conducted energy weapon, in conjunction with Physical Control to gain control of DZIEKANSKI. The officers’ actions were consistent with their Common Law duties, various Criminal Code (Canada) provisions and RCMP policy and training...

The reasonableness of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable peace officer on the scene, rather than with 20/20 vision of hindsight.”

- Sgt. Brad Fawcett, Use of Force Report, Robert Dziekanski incident at YVR airport, at page 37, quoted in Braidwood Commission of Inquiry Phase 2 report at page 209.

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“The force-centric analysis [Millington and Robinson] applied to the circumstances they faced appears to me to have been entirely predictable, given the similarly blinkered approach taken by Sgt. Fawcett [VPD] and Cpl. Gillis [RCMP] in their evaluations and analysis. I interpret the expert testimony of these two senior and experienced officers [Fawcett and Gillis] as reflecting the use-of-force training that occurs within the RCMP at large and in BC’s municipal police departments. If that is so, it troubles me greatly.”

- Commissioner Braidwood reflecting on the “expert testimony” of Sgt. Fawcett and an RCMP officer on use of force during the Inquiry, quoted in Braidwood Commission of Inquiry Phase 2 report at page 251.