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Police Complaint Commissioner

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POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER RELEASES
2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Victoria – Police Complaint Commissioner, Stan T. Lowe, today released his Annual Report for 2011 to the Legislative Assembly through the Office of the Speaker.

This report highlights a summary of the OPCC's work in providing civilian oversight of public complaints with respect to the 14 municipal police forces in British Columbia over which it has jurisdiction during the calendar year of 2011. The Annual Report also outlines the role and mandate of the Police Complaint Commissioner, the Complaint Process in relation to the amendments that were made under the BC *Police Act*, and provides examples of the variety and types of complaints and dispositions received by his office.

In his Commissioner's Message, Stan T. Lowe comments on the inroads that Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has made, and how it provides the parties with a powerful learning tool in the police complaint process.

Mr. Lowe advocates for improving the number of complaints that can be resolved through dispute resolution, an important priority. The OPCC has also been able to refer several matters to intermediate avenues of adjudication which has had a positive impact on the complaint system.

The 2011 Annual Report is available on the OPCC website at 11:00 a.m. today.
www.opcc.bc.ca.

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