

British Columbia, Canada

## **NOTICE**

December 20, 2021

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## Public Hearing into the conduct of Constable Diaz and former Constable Hughes

**Victoria** – A Public Hearing into the misconduct allegations against Constable Diaz and former Constable Hughes of the Metro Vancouver Transit Police (MVTP) will be resuming on December 21, 2021, starting at 9:30am.

Location: Allwest Reporting facilities located at 1200 - 1125 Howe Street in Vancouver.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Public Health Orders and guidelines, there will be limited public accessibility. To support public accessibility, audio from the hearing will be streamed live through the OPCC website.

Listen live: <a href="https://opcc.bc.ca/media-room/live-hearings/">https://opcc.bc.ca/media-room/live-hearings/</a>

## About the OPCC and Public Hearings:

- The Police Complaint Commissioner is a civilian, independent Officer of the Legislature overseeing complaints, investigations and discipline involving municipal police in British Columbia. For more on the OPCC, visit: <a href="https://opcc.bc.ca/about-us/">https://opcc.bc.ca/about-us/</a>
- Following a disciplinary process, the Police Complaint Commissioner can order a Public Hearing if there is a reasonable basis to believe that the decision of the Discipline Authority is incorrect or it is in the public interest to review the matter.
- Retired judges sit as adjudicators in Public Hearings. They review evidence, hear sworn testimony, and arrive at a decision of whether there is misconduct and, if so, determine the corrective or disciplinary measures.
- An adjudicator may, by order, prohibit or restrict a person or a class of persons, or the public, from attending all or part of a Public Hearing or Review on the Record, or from

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accessing all or part of any information provided to or held by the adjudicator of a Public Hearing or Review on the Record.

- The adjudicator's decision in a Public Hearing is final and conclusive.
- More on public hearings: <a href="https://opcc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Public-Hearings-General-Information.pdf">https://opcc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Public-Hearings-General-Information.pdf</a>

**Note to media**: The OPCC is unable to comment on specific proceedings while they are underway.

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