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POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER ORDERS A PUBLIC HEARING

Victoria - The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner has announced a Public Hearing into allegations of misconduct with respect to Inspector John de Haas of the Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

On June 1, 2017, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) received information from the Vancouver Police Department, in which allegations of professional misconduct, specifically, *Discreditable Conduct*, against Inspector de Haas were raised.

The *Discreditable Conduct* allegation was adjudicated through the disciplinary process. The Discipline Authority determined that this allegation of misconduct was proven against Inspector de Haas, proposing a five (5) day suspension from duty, without pay as a disciplinary measure.

On March 1, 2018 our office received a request from Inspector de Haas for a Review on the Record, however the Police Complaint Commissioner has determined that a Public Hearing is the more appropriate form of adjudicative review for this matter.

Upon the recommendation of the Associate Chief Justice of the British Columbia Supreme Court, retired Provincial Court Judge, the Honourable Carol Baird Ellan, is appointed to preside as Adjudicator in these proceedings, pursuant to section 142(2) of the *Police Act*.

A date for the Public Hearing will be determined in the future.

Details may be found in the *Notice of Public Hearing* located at www.opcc.bc.ca.

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