



Office of the
Police Complaint Commissioner

British Columbia, Canada

NOTICE

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Public Hearing for Victoria Police officer

Victoria - A Public Hearing into the misconduct allegations involving a member from the Victoria Police Department will commence on **Wednesday June 30** starting at 10:00 am. and will continue on **July 9 and 10, 2021** (time to be determined).

The Adjudicator appointed for this matter, Honourable Judge Wally Oppal, Q.C., retired Supreme Court Justice, has issued an order pursuant to section 150 of the *Police Act*, prohibiting the public release of the names of the parties involved. Accordingly, the Public Hearing will not be live streamed through the OPCC website. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be limited public accessibility at 947 Fort Street, Victoria BC.

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: <https://opcc.bc.ca/about-us/>
- 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 accessing all or part of any information provided to or held by the adjudicator of a public hearing or review on the record.

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

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

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