



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 resume on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021** starting at 9:30 am and will continue on **August 18 and 19** at a time to be determined.

The Adjudicator appointed for this matter, Honourable Judge Wally Oppal, Q.C., retired BC Court of Appeal 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 and in accordance with appropriate communicable disease prevention, 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

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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: <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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