



OFFICE OF THE
POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER

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Office of Police Complaint Commissioner provides information to the public related to complaint of misconduct involving the Delta Police Department

VICTORIA - As a result of a complaint filed from a member of the public, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) has initiated an external investigation into allegations of misconduct related to the Delta Police Department's handling of a case involving the spouse of the department's Chief Constable.

The OPCC has also forwarded a related Service and Policy complaint to the Delta Police Board regarding the adequacy of the department's policies and procedures in handling matters where there is a real or perceived conflict of interest.

The OPCC learned of the incident initially in media reports and requested additional information from the Delta Police Department. The office subsequently received a misconduct complaint from an affected person.

After reviewing the complaint and responses provided by the Delta Police Department, the OPCC deemed the complaint admissible and assigned the Vancouver Police Department to carry out an external disciplinary conduct investigation into the matter.

The disciplinary conduct investigation will focus solely on whether any Delta police officer committed misconduct in the matter, and is entirely separate from the RCMP criminal investigation currently underway. The OPCC has no role in criminal investigations.

Both the disciplinary misconduct investigation and the Service and Policy complaint will be conducted under the oversight of the OPCC.

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Key facts:

- **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/>
- The decision to admit a complaint from a member of the public is not a finding that any officer committed misconduct. That can only be determined through a full and comprehensive disciplinary conduct investigation.
- **Service and Policy complaints** relate generally to the policies, procedures and services of municipal police departments. Complaints about the policies or the services of a police organization are the responsibility of the department's Police Board. The Board must advise the OPCC and the complainant of how the complaint was handled; including what course of action, if any, was taken and must provide a summary of the results of any investigation or study. The Police Complaint Commissioner cannot direct a Board to take any particular course of action regarding a Service or Policy complaint, but may make recommendations to the department's Police Board.

Note to media: As this is an ongoing investigation, the OPCC is unable to provide further comments or information related to this matter.