



OFFICE OF THE
POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER

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OPCC Annual Report Released

Victoria - The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) 2020-2021 Annual Report was tabled in the Legislature today. The Report highlights the importance of police boards in ensuring the police are accountable to civilian authority.

The Report also highlights the investigations and disciplinary processes into complaints and allegations of misconduct involving municipal police officers in B.C. The work of the OPCC focuses in large part on ensuring that every complaint lodged against a municipal police officer in B.C. is dealt with in a fair and transparent manner.

Quote:

There is an important public dialogue underway regarding police accountability and the need for reform. Core to the modernisation of policing is ensuring that the civilian governance of police is robust and that municipal police boards are equipped to perform their important work. Good governance is foundational to preventing and addressing systemic and repeated misconduct.

-Clayton Pecknold, Police Complaint Commissioner

The Annual Report, including appendices, is available here:

<https://opcc.bc.ca/reports/annual-report/>

About the OPCC

- The Police Complaint Commissioner is a civilian, independent Officer of the Legislature overseeing complaints, investigations and discipline involving municipal police in British Columbia operating independently of governments and the police themselves.

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- The Police Complaint Commissioner may accept complaints from the public or independently order investigations into allegations of police misconduct.
- The Police Complaint Commissioner may also refer certain decisions to retired judges for adjudication, call public hearings, refer matters to Crown Counsel for consideration of prosecution and make recommendations to police boards or to government regarding policies, practices or systemic issues that may contribute to the misconduct.
- The Police Complaint Commissioner is required under the *Police Act* to table a report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly once a year.

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