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OPCC Public Hearing Set to Resume Following Misconduct Decision

Victoria – Adjudicator Wally Oppal, K.C., is expected to hear submissions on disciplinary or corrective measures in relation to his finding that Constable Ron Kirkwood (now Sergeant) committed misconduct when he fired ARWEN rounds that led to the 2019 death of Lisa Rauch. It is also expected that the adjudicator will make recommendations concerning any changes to policies or practices.

The decision can be found [here](#).

The hearing is scheduled to take place June 6, 2025, at 10:00 am - 947 Fort St., Victoria, BC, second floor.

About the OPCC and Public Hearings:

- The OPCC initiates mandatory *Police Act* investigations whenever death or serious harm results from an incident involving municipal police officers or in instances where someone is in the care or custody of police. These investigations are separate and distinct from investigations by the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) and are not restricted to evidence gathered by the IIO.
- A Public Hearing is not limited to the evidence and issues canvassed at the discipline proceeding. The Police Complaint Commissioner can appoint Commission Counsel to act on their behalf during Public Hearings.
- A retired judge is appointed to sit as the Adjudicator and review the evidence, hear sworn testimony, and arrive at a decision as to whether there is misconduct and, if necessary, determine the corrective and/or disciplinary measures to be imposed. The appointed retired judge can also make recommendations to the Chief Constable or

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Police Board concerning any changes in policy or practice that the retired judge considers advisable.

- 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/>

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