



OFFICE OF THE
POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER

British Columbia, Canada

NOTICE

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Public Hearing for current and former Nelson Police Department Members

Victoria - The Adjudicator appointed to preside over a Public Hearing into allegations that three current and three former Nelson Police Department members participated in a 'WhatsApp' chat group allegedly containing racist, sexist, discriminatory and inappropriate posts will hear submissions in relation to applications made from interested outside parties for participant status in the Public Hearing. These submissions will be heard on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 10:00 am in Room C485 at UBC Robson Square, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver BC.

Hearing dates for the Public Hearing have yet to be confirmed.

Details on the Public Hearing may be found on the "Adjudications-Public Hearings" page of the OPCC's webpage, located at www.opcc.bc.ca.

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/>
- 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.
- In a Public Hearing, a retired judge is appointed to sit as the Adjudicator and review the evidence, hear sworn testimony, and arrive at a decision of whether there is misconduct and if necessary, determine the corrective and/or disciplinary measures to be imposed. The retired judge's decision at a Public Hearing is final and conclusive.

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- The appointed retired judge can also make recommendations to the Chief Constable or Police Board concerning any changes in policy or practice that the retired judge considers advisable.

Note to media: The OPCC is unable to comment on this review while it is underway. For general queries related to the OPCC's role and processes, please contact:

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