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POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER

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FAQ

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Who Decided a Public Hearing would be held?

Police Complaint Commissioner Prabhu Rajan issued a [Notice of Public Hearing](#) dated December 11, 2024, calling the public hearing under the *Police Act*. The Notice of Public Hearing summarizes relevant background information and sets out the Commissioner's basis for concluding that a public hearing is necessary in the public interest.

When Will the Public Hearing take place?

Adjudicator Elizabeth Arnold-Bailey, a retired judge of the BC Supreme Court, is presiding over the public hearing. She has set the public hearing to run four days per week, for ten consecutive weeks starting Monday, January 19, 2026. The schedule currently looks as follows (all weeks Monday to Thursday, except as otherwise noted):

- Jan 19-22
- Jan 26-29
- Feb 2-5
- Feb 9-12
- Feb 17-20 (Tuesday to Friday)
- Feb 23-27
- Mar 2-5
- Mar 9-12
- Mar 16-19
- Mar 23-26

The OPCC will keep information about the public hearing schedule on the [Public Hearings page](#) on its website. Please check the website regularly for the most up-to-date information about the hearing schedule. This will include the best available information about what witnesses are expected to testify on what days. All aspects of the hearing schedule will be subject to change on short notice as the matter moves forward.

Prabhu Rajan
Police Complaint Commissioner

Where Will the Public Hearing take place?

The public hearing will take place in Room C440 at UBC Robson Square which is located at 800 Robson Street in downtown Vancouver. It will start at 9:30 a.m. on each day, unless otherwise directed by the Adjudicator.

The public hearing is open to the public. There will be limited seating in the hearing room. Seats will generally be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Will the public hearing be streamed?

The public hearing will be streamed online (audio only located here). Those who want to listen to the audio feed will be able to do so from their computers or devices using an internet link. Clicking the link will take the listener to an online room where they will be able to hear the audio feed, but will not be able to interact with or see others who may also be listening. The link will be made available on the Public Hearings page of the OPCC website.

Who are the Key Players at the Public Hearing?

Role	Name	Counsel/Representative
Adjudicator	Elizabeth Arnold-Bailey (retired judge of the BC Supreme Court)	
Public Hearing Counsel	Brad Hickford	
Counsel for the Police Complaint Commissioner	Chris Considine, K.C.	
Respondent Officers	Cst. Kory Folkestad	Christine Joseph
	Cst. Eric Birzneck	Greg Cavouras and Mike Shirreff
	Cst. Derek Cain	Glen Orris, K.C.
	Cst. Josh Wong	Kevin Westell
	Cst. Beau Spencer	Claire Hatcher
	Cst. Hardeep Sahota	Brad Kielmann
	Cst. Nick Thompson	Scott Wright
Participants	Margaret Gray	Ian Donaldson, K.C.
	Office of the Chief Constable of the Vancouver Police Department	David McKnight
	BC Police Association	Kevin Woodall

Can the media access documentary exhibits filed at the Public Hearing?

Documents may be filed as exhibits at the public hearing. These may be provided to the media if approved for release by Adjudicator Arnold-Bailey. If you want access to an exhibit, please send an email to staylor@opcc.bc.ca, identifying yourself and stating that you want to access one or more exhibits. Staff of the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner will then be able to send you log-in information that you can use to access an on-line portal where exhibits that the Adjudicator has approved for release will be stored.

Please note that access may not be instant. As staff will be focused during the hearing days on the efficient and orderly progress of the public hearing, there may be time lags in uploading approved exhibits, and/or responding to requests for access.

Learn More:
For more information about this public hearing, visit: https://opcc.bc.ca/adjudications/public-hearings/

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