

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 255

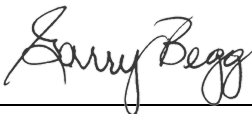
, Approved and Ordered May 30, 2025



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective June 1, 2025, the Designated Policing and Law Enforcement Units Complaints Regulation, B.C. Reg. 230/2022, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Police Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 367, ss. 74.1 and 184

Other: OIC 587/2022

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SCHEDULE

- 1** *Section 1 of the Designated Policing and Law Enforcement Units Complaints Regulation, B.C. Reg. 230/2022, is amended by adding the following definition:*

“systemic investigation provisions” means sections 177.01 to 177.03 of the Act.

- 2** *Section 2 (1) is amended by adding “and section 3” after “Subject to this section”.*

- 3** *Section 2 (2) is amended*

(a) *by striking out “Part 11 of the Act is to be read” and substituting “Part 11 of the Act, other than Division 6.1 and the systemic investigation provisions, is to be read”,*

(b) *by repealing paragraph (e) and substituting the following:*

(e) the following definitions applied:

“dismissal” means revocation of appointment;

“reassign” means to reassign or attach conditions to the appointment of;

“suspend” means to suspend the appointment of; , ,

(c) *by adding the following paragraph:*

(n.1) a reference in section 135 (2) or (2.1) of the Act to a municipal police board were a reference to a designated board, , *and*

(d) *by striking out “and” in paragraph (o) and adding the following paragraph:*

(o.1) a reference in section 173.1 [service and policy complaints] of the Act to a municipal police board were a reference to a designated board, and .

- 4** *Section 2 is amended by adding the following subsection:*

(2.1) The systemic investigation provisions are to be read for the purposes of this section as though

(a) a reference, except in a modification made by paragraph (d), to a municipal police department were a reference to

(i) a municipal police department, or

(ii) a designated unit,

(b) a reference, except in a modification made by paragraph (d), to a municipal police board were a reference to

(i) a municipal police board, or

(ii) a designated board,

(c) the modifications made by subsection (2) did not apply to section 100 of the Act as that section is applied by section 177.02 (1), and

(d) section 177.02 (2) were repealed and the following substituted:

(2) In applying section 100 for the purposes of this section, the following rules apply:

- (a) references to an investigating officer must be read as references to the police complaint commissioner;
- (b) references to a municipal police department must be read as references to a municipal police department, municipal police board, designated unit or designated board;
- (c) references to a member or former member must be read as references to a member or former member of a municipal police department, municipal police board, designated unit or designated board;
- (d) notification of an application for an order described in section 100 (5) must be given by the police complaint commissioner to the following:
 - (i) if the application relates to accessing premises or exercising a power in relation to a municipal police department, the chief constable of the municipal police department;
 - (ii) if the application relates to accessing premises or exercising a power in relation to a municipal police board, the chair of the municipal police board;
 - (iii) if the application relates to accessing premises or exercising a power in relation to a designated unit, the chief officer of the designated unit;
 - (iv) if the application relates to accessing premises or exercising a power in relation to a designated board, the chair of the designated board.

5 *The following section is added:*

Transition – policy respecting service and policy complaints

3 (1) In this section:

“**complaints policy**” has the same meaning as in section 173.1 (1) of the Act;

“**complaints policy guidelines**” has the same meaning as in section 173.1 (1) of the Act.

(2) Despite section 173.1 (3) of the Act as applied by this regulation,

- (a) a designated board established before June 1, 2025 must establish a complaints policy under that section within 2 years after that date, and
- (b) the complaints policy must be consistent with the complaints policy guidelines as those guidelines read on June 1, 2026.