

July 7, 2022

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Brenda Locke

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Dear Ms. Locke,

On June 1, 2022, the Board received your Service or Policy Complaint No. 2022-21914. Your complaint is related to Chair Doug McCallum remaining as chair considering a criminal charge against him.

Under s. 171(1) of the Police Act the Board has the following options related to your complaint:

- (a) request a chief constable of that municipal police department to investigate and report on the complaint;
- (b) initiate a study concerning the complaint;
- (c) initiate an investigation into the complaint;
- (d) dismiss the complaint with reasons;
- (e) take any other course of action the board considers necessary to respond adequately to the complaint.

The Board has dismissed your complaint per s. 171(1)(d) of the Police Act for the following reasons:

- The Board is of the view that s. 168 of the Police Act does not contemplate Service and Policy complaints against a Board member or the Board.
- There is no provision in the Police Act that permits the Board Chair to step down. The Mayor is, by operation of s. 25(1) of the Police Act, the Chair of the Board. There is no provision in the Act that authorizes any other person to be the Chair. The Board does not have the ability to amend the statute.
- The issues raised by your complaint have been resolved as best as possible, because Mr. McCallum will be absent or unable to act at Police board meetings until after the civic election, and the Board will conduct its business with an elected chair in the absence of the Mayor, pursuant to s. 25(2) of the Police Act.

Should you disagree with the Board's decision, you can contact the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner to request a review under s.172 of the Police Act.

Sincerely,



Jessie Sunner  
Vice Chair, Surrey Police Board

Encl: Copy of Service or Policy Complaint dated June 1, 2022

cc. Norm Lipinski, Chief Constable  
Clayton Pecknold, Police Complaint Commissioner  
Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Service

## Genevieve Bertrand

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### Your Contact Details

#### Title

Mrs.

#### First Name

Brenda

#### Last Name

Locke

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**Details of the Complaint****When did the incident happen?**

23/05/2022

**Time it occurred?**

06:00 pm

**Where did the incident Happen**

Surrey, BC

**Name of the Police Department Involved:**

\*Unknown\*

**Please describe the incident:**

This is a Service or Policy Complaint. In response to your comment "The OPCC can make recommendations to police boards for improvements to the manner in which they deliver their police services to the public of British Columbia, such as recommendations for police creation or policy amendment."

On December 10, 2022, Douglas McCallum, Mayor and Chair of the Surrey Police Service was charged under the Criminal Code of Canada with Public Mischief for lying to the police. The incident occurred on when McCallum claimed a senior woman drove her vehicle over his foot. Upon release of the I.T.O. those claims by McCallum have been found to be contradicted by the evidence provided in the video surveillance. Subsequently charges were laid by the Special Prosecutor based on the I.T.O.

According to media and others the SPS Board asked McCallum to step down as SPS Board Chair based on the charges. McCallum refused. This has tainted the SPS and has brought the process, policing and the entire city into disrepute and is unacceptable behaviour for a Police Board Chair.

- I would consider participating in a Complaint Resolution process or Mediation for this matter if my complaint is determined to be admissible and appropriate for this process.

**Signature Name**

Brenda Locke (City Councillor)

**Signature Acknowledgement**

- Signed (Acknowledge by checking box)