



# Abbotsford Police Department

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Chief Constable

*"Protecting with Pride"*

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### Incident: 2 New Police Board Members

**Abbotsford – June 21, 2011.**

The Abbotsford Police Department is pleased to welcome two new members to the Abbotsford Police Board. Bruce Nicholson and Sukh Sidhu will join the existing members Mayor George Peary, Jon Eaton, Karen Matty, Michael McWhinney and Deborah Lehmann.

The Police Board is a civilian governing body which receives its authority under the Police Act. Police Boards perform the following governing functions:

- Employer of sworn and civilian staff
- Policy and direction setters
- Financial overseers
- Discipline authorities for policy and service complaints
- In consultation with the Chief of Police, the Police Board establishes the objectives and priorities of the Abbotsford Police Department
- Approves the budget as prepared and presented by the Chief of Police prior to its submission to municipal council for approval. The Police Board also negotiates and approves the collective agreements.

Police Board members are not paid; they voluntarily contribute their time and efforts to benefit our community.

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To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*

Background of the two new members:

### **Bruce Nicholson**

Bruce Nicholson is a retired high school principal. His interest in the Abbotsford Police stems from a long term relationship built working with a number of School Police Liaison Officers throughout the last half of his 32 year career in education.

Bruce is a member of several community groups and believes that we all need to participate in making Abbotsford a “better” place to live.

The Nicholson’s are long term residents of Abbotsford. Bruce’s children were raised in Abbotsford where they were able to attend good schools, play sports and were involved in a variety of community and family activities. Now, the next generation, the Nicholson grandchildren are following their parent’s path.

Bruce looks forward to making a positive contribution to the city through his participation on the Abbotsford Police Board.

### **Sukh Sidhu**

Sukh Sidhu has lived and worked in Abbotsford since he immigrated here in 1981. He has worked in various agricultural fields, direct sales, and as an ELS teacher aid. He has worked as a real estate sales representative since obtaining his real estate license in 1983.

Sukh has an impressive list of volunteer work. He offers his time and expertise to organizations such as the MSA Museum Board, Abbotsford Community Foundation, Fraser Valley Real Estate Board, Fraser Valley Indo Canadian Business Association, Abbotsford City Traffic Safety Committee and many other Abbotsford organizations.

Sukh has been married since 1981 and has two grown children. He enjoys gardening, photography, reading, walking, exercise, and volunteer opportunities.

### **Departure of Jati Sidhu**

The arrival of 2 new board members occurs as the term of Jati Sidhu comes to an end. Jati has been a valuable contributor to the Police Board and the Abbotsford Police Department offers its appreciation for his service as well as his endless commitment to the community.

Police Board Chair, Mayor Peary made the following comments about Jati:

“Mr. Sidhu has served the City of Abbotsford with distinction as a member of the Abbotsford Police Board. His deep roots in the city and his role in developing a broader understanding and appreciation of our citizens of South Asian ancestry have been invaluable as we have worked to ensure that the Abbotsford Police Department reflects the community that it serves.”

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