

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> affidavit  
of Cameron Pollard in this proceeding  
and it was made on December 21, 2020



File No.

Vancouver Registry

*In the Supreme Court of British Columbia*

Between

ALAIN BEAUDOIN, BRENT SMITH, JOHN KOOPMAN, JOHN VAN MUYEN,  
RIVERSIDE CALVARY CHAPEL, IMMANUEL COVENANT REFORMED CHURCH,  
and FREE REFORMED CHURCH OF CHILLIWACK, B.C.

Petitioners

and

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
and DR. BONNIE HENRY IN HER CAPACITY AS PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER  
FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Respondents

**AFFIDAVIT OF CAMERON POLLARD**

I, Cameron Pollard, of Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. I am a Deacon and the Treasurer of Valley Heights Community Church in Chilliwack (the "Church"), and as such I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed to except where stated to be on information and belief and where so stated, I verily believe them to be true.
2. This Affidavit describes the consequences the Church has had to deal with as a result of the RCMP's actions towards our Church, animated by recent Provincial Health Orders prohibiting in-person religious gatherings.

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

3. As our Church service had commenced that Sunday morning, about 10 minutes into the service, there was a very loud knocking on the exterior windows. This caused a very brief pause in the service.

4. Daniel Zylstra and I got up to go see what was going on. We were greeted by Corporal Schmidt of the Chilliwack RCMP detachment. He came inside the building asking us questions.
5. The very first thing he did was remove his face mask from over his nose and mouth and placed it under his chin, saying "I can't talk properly with this thing on my face."
6. Corporal Schmidt asked us why we were still holding services and we explained to him that we are doing so in joyful obedience to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, basing it on Hebrews 10:24-25. He was understanding of our explanation but warned us that he could fine us for holding an in-person worship service.
7. He said though that he won't issue any fines today because as he said, "I don't even know 110% what we are supposed to do." He said that he will file a report and leave it to the "higher ups to decides what they want to do, but for now, we will call this an educational visit."
8. Overall, the visit was calm, friendly, and he departed from our church.

#### **Sunday, November 29, 2020**

9. On Sunday, November 29, 2020, we received an extremely different visit from the Chilliwack RCMP compared to the previous week.
10. Two officers came into the Church building, Officer Peters and a female officer whose name we never got.
11. The officers entered aggressively and with serious threats. Officer Peters asked us why we were holding an in-person worship service, and we provided him with the same reason as the week before.
12. Officer Peters stated that there are orders in place and we must immediately stop and send everybody home immediately. Daniel and I both said we can't do that and we won't do that.
13. Officer Peters' eyes lit up, perhaps not expecting that answer. Officer Peters started threatening us with up to 6 months in jail and massive fines, upwards of \$50,000, I believe. He asked if we are prepared for that? But then he said after that it would be for a judge to decide and not himself.

14. Officer Peters' then asked us to stop the pastor and tell him to come out. We declined to do so, telling him that Pastor Tim was in the middle of a sermon. We told the officers that they are welcome to wait until Pastor Tim was finished and we could talk after that.
15. Officer Peters' then said that he would do it, referring to stopping Pastor Tim from preaching and getting him to come and talk. Officer Peters then went to go get Pastor Tim, knowing fully that he was in the middle of preaching a sermon. He proceeded to barge into the sanctuary, up the centre isle into the middle of the congregation.
16. In a very loud voice, Officer Peters told Pastor Tim he wanted to talk with him "right now." Pastor Tim asked to finish the paragraph in his sermon he was currently giving, and Officer Peters said "sure".
17. The other officer had made a phone call.
18. Pastor Tim left the pulpit and went to the other room with Officer Peters. I joined them. Officer Peters told Pastor Tim that we needed to stop our service or he would start handing out fines to everyone in the service. As Pastor Tim was giving Officer Peters our religious reasons for holding our service, the female officer, who had been on the phone, came back to Officer Peters and Pastor Tim. She pulled Officer Peters to the side and had a private conversation with him.
19. When the Officers returned, Officer Peters said that he needed Pastor Tim's contact information and they would be done. We asked if we were still expected to leave the building, and Officer Peters answered "No, I guess not at this moment." They took Pastor Tim's info and told us to have a nice day.
20. As a result of Officer Peters' aggressive actions barging in, stopping our Church service and escorting our Pastor out of the sanctuary, the reputation of the Chilliwack police department as a whole was severely damaged among our congregation by the actions of Officer Peters.
21. We had children and some women crying in the sanctuary as a result of Officer Peters' actions. My wife has told my three children not to be surprised if I got arrested.

22. The following week, my oldest son even suggested that I leave the keys with mom in case I did get arrested.
23. We have repeatedly tried to repair the damage done by that police visit. We have told the children and youth that the police are not bad people, that they are in a difficult position, and not to base their views on the actions of one police officer who mishandled the situation. Sadly, many of these children have lost respect for the police and are now living in fear of them.
24. One person in our church said police stopping our service brought back a flood of memories of the things her grandparents told her about why they had to flee Russia the police would do things like interrupt church services and chase everyone out and arrest the pastor. I never would have thought at the beginning of 2020 that someone in our church could compare a Chilliwack RCMP officer to Communist Russia's police.
25. I was taken aback when one of the ladies from church thanked me after for my service. I asked for what. She said for the first time she really felt the depth of protection from a brother (in Christ) when Daniel and I had acted to speak with the RCMP officers who had entered the Church. But when I thought about what she said later, it was a little heart breaking for me, because she was saying that I had protected her from the ones who are supposed to be protecting us, the RCMP.
26. A couple people in the service said to me, "No wonder there are people who would want to defund the police."

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

27. Before the service started, there were two people who entered the church building, one male and one female. I said "Good morning, how are you doing?" They turned and kind of muttered "Fine."
28. As soon as the service was about to start, they got up and left. After the service, Pastor Tim was in contact with pastors from two other churches in Chilliwack. They both said that undercover police officers were trying to get into their church building, they were stopped outside, one of the men asked if they were police officers, and they admitted they were. According to the pastors' description of the couple related

to me by Pastor Tim, the couple was the same two people who were at our Church earlier in the morning.

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

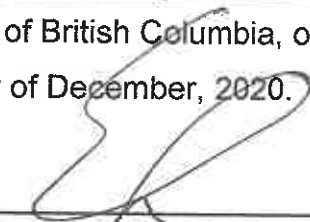
29. On Sunday, December 13, 2020, I noticed what I thought looked like a police ghost crossover SUV drive through the parking lot in front of our Church.

30. One of the people attending our Church came slightly late, because she said she saw an undercover police ghost vehicle driving through the parking lot and was scared.

31. My suspicions were confirmed when Pastor Tim showed me a text and pictures he received from other Chilliwack pastors asking about a black vehicle seen around their churches that same Sunday and if it was seen by our church. I looked at the picture of the vehicle and it looked the same as the vehicle we saw at our Church.

32. I swear this Affidavit *bona fide* in support of the Petition for Judicial Review, and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of )  
Chilliwack , in the )  
Province of British Columbia, on this )  
21 day of December, 2020. )

  
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**CAMERON POLLARD**

