

Who is Stan Lowe?

The keynote speaker at tonight's AGM is Stan Lowe, B.C.'s police complaint commissioner and an extremely influential supporter of the four RCMP officers involved in the Taser-related death of Robert Dziekanski. Last December, in his previous job with B.C.'s Criminal Justice Branch, Stan Lowe ruled that the five Taser blasts and other brutal treatment inflicted on Robert Dziekanski were "reasonable and necessary." Now, as police complaint commissioner, Stan Lowe can make similar judgements in favour of municipal cops.

Last December Stan Lowe exonerated the four Mounties involved in Robert Dziekanski's Taser-related death at Vancouver airport.

Stan Lowe claimed that the five Taser blasts and other brutal treatment inflicted on Robert Dziekanski were "reasonable and necessary."

When Robert Dziekanski dropped to the floor, writhing in pain from the first Taser blast, Stan Lowe claimed he was resisting arrest, justifying more Taser blasts.

Possibly no one in B.C. is more out of touch with the Braidwood findings on Taser use than Stan Lowe.

Stan Lowe took advantage of the expensive RCMP expedition to Poland, which dug up irrelevant and unfair info in an effort to smear Robert Dziekanski.

Just one week after shocking British Columbians with his Robert Dziekanski decision, Stan Lowe was appointed police complaint commissioner, a job that allows him to make similar judgements in favour of municipal cops.

Stan Lowe is part of the reason why our police complaint system doesn't work. Whether it's a complaint against municipal cops or RCMP, police investigate other police and decisions are made by people biased in favour of police.

Stan Lowe can come to Deltassist and deliver a feel-good speech. But when a tired, confused newcomer was killed shortly after arriving in Canada, who did Lowe support?

Read some of the media accounts about Stan Lowe's work:
www.bcpolicecomplaints.org/lowe.html

**"The force they [the RCMP] used to subdue and restrain him [Dziekanski] was reasonable and necessary in all the circumstances."
—Stan Lowe
Dec. 12, 2008**

**"In an embarrassing damage control exercise, Criminal Justice Branch spokesman Stan Lowe all but blamed the victim."
—Ian Mulgrew
Vancouver Sun
Dec. 12, 2008**