

Divisions and Chaos Within the Ottawa Police. Violence and Brute Force Ordered by Trudeau Government

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At the time of writing, the Trudeau government is carrying out a major and ongoing police operation directed against the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa.

The decision to take action against the Freedom Convoy was implemented **prior to the vote on the National Emergency which was scheduled for Monday.**

The leaders of the movement **Tamara Lich** and **Chris Barber** were arrested and are in police custody. Former RCMP bodyguard of Justin Trudeau **Daniel Bulford** was arrested on February 18th.

Declaration of the Freedom Convoy

Issued on Saturday, 19th of February:

"The Freedom Convoy 2022 is shocked at the abuses of power by the law enforcement in Ottawa. **The police have horse-trampled on demonstrators** and deployed riot control agents. **They have also beaten peaceful protestors with batons and with the stock of their guns.** We have therefore asked our truckers to move from Parliament Hill to avoid further brutality. To move the trucks it will require time. This has been communicated with Ottawa Police, and **we hope that they will show judicious restraint.** The truckers are moving, and the use of more force will only be used to punish people, and not to preserve or establish order." (emphasis added)

Violent Actions and Brute Force by Police: See Videos below

<u>@mattbelair</u> Ottawa police attack and beat a war veteran. <u>#ottawapolice</u> <u>#ottawapolicetyrants</u> <u>#freedomconvoy</u> <u>#truckersconvoy2022</u> <u>☐ original sound</u> <u>- mattbelair</u>

<u>@benswann</u> Police in Ottawa Trample Peaceful Protestors With Horses <u>#Protesters</u> <u>#Trampling</u> <u>#Ottawa</u> <u>☐ original sound – Ben Swann</u>

<u>@motolashes</u> What happened to the lady Trampled by <u>#Ottawa</u> Police horse <u>#Canada</u> <u>#FreedomConvoy2022</u> <u>#unitedwestand</u> <u>#mainstreammedialies</u> <u>#thinktwicecanada</u> <u>¬ original sound – LASHES</u>

Chaos and Divisions Within the Police Forces

There is currently a state of chaos and a lack of leadership within Ottawa's Police Services (OPS). The operation against the Freedom Convoy is conducted by the Ottawa Police, the RCMP and the Ontario Provincial Police. The Sureté du Québec is also involved.

There are divisions both within the Ottawa Police force and the Ottawa City Council. It's a situation of utter chaos.

Ottawa Police Chief **Peter Sloly** "resigned" on Tuesday February 15 following Trudeau's announced intent to apply the Emergencies Act. Visibly he was pressured to resign. Press reports intimate that "he was fired".

Peter Sloly was accused of "mishandling".

While police forces are currently involved in acts of violence and brutal repression, **large** sectors of the Ottawa Police and the RCMP had from the outset expressed their solidarity with the Freedom Convoy. See below.

<u>@tristasuk</u> Beautiful people handing out roses to the Ottawa police, truckers and everybody else!♥ <u>#valentinesday</u> <u>#truckerconvoy2022</u> <u>#freedomconvoy</u> <u>#protest</u> <u>¬ You Send Me – Aretha Franklin</u>

@ottawapolicelover #freedomconvoy2022 #truckersfreedomconvoy #canada #police #officerdown @ottawapolice @OfficialTorontoPolice <u>#wearecoming</u> #ftrudeau #novaccineforme #f ♬ original sound - Sloly Quit

Chaos at the Ottawa City Council

Was the firing of police chief **Peter Sloly** ordered by the Trudeau government?

"Ottawa Councillor. **Diane Deans** went to the [Ottawa police services] board **to fire previous police chief Peter Sloly**, <u>sources said."</u>

"After that, she and the board **tried to hire a new interim police chief** from southern Ontario **without a competition**"

Members of the Ottawa City Council were not consulted.

Former Waterloo police chief **Matthew Torigian** was contacted and hastily offered the job:

"A former Waterloo police chief who was hired for Ottawa's top job, only to have the person who hired him turfed from her position, has withdrawn from the job."

A contract was offered to Matthew Torigian on February 15, as interim Ottawa Police chief to lead Trudeau's police operation against the Freedom Convoy. He never came to Ottawa. Two days later he resigned and requested for his two day contract to be rescinded.

A Major Police Operation against the Freedom Convoy Without a Duly Appointed OPS Police Chief

Following the firing of **Peter Sloly** and **Matthew Torigan's** refusal, **OPS Deputy Chief Steve Bell** was put in charge "as interim chief until further notice". By whom? He was not duly approved by the Ottawa City Council. (<u>Read CTV report</u>).

The Biggest Mess in Ottawa Municipal Politics

Following the removal of Councillor **Diane Deans** (as chair of the OPS board) who screwed up on the appointment of **Matthew Torrigan**, a new police board chair was hastily appointed, who immediately confirmed his unbending support for Steve Bell as the de facto interim police chief:

"El-Chantiry's first act as chair of the police oversight board was **to confirm [that] Interim Chief Steve Bell** will remain in his current position as police deal with the ongoing occupation of downtown streets.

... "You are the interim chief and that's going to be until another time when we have this discussion. For the time being we need you to focus on the operation, we need the membership to know there's the stability here."

(quoted by <u>CTV</u>)

WOW. This Is the Chronology

 "Diane Deans went to the board to fire previous police chief Peter Sloly" (quoted in <u>CTV report</u>, emphasis added) and then proceeded to hire a new interim Police Chief without consultations with the OCC, and "without a competition" (Tuesday, February 15)

- Matthew Torigian was contacted by Deans and was hastily offered the job of interim police chief (Wednesday)
- Councillor Diane Deans is removed from the Ottawa Police Services Board (heated OCC debate on Wednesday Evening)
- Torigian resigns following the scandal with Councillor Diane Deans (Thursday, February 17)
- Councillor **Eli El-Chantiry** is appointed chair of the OPS Board (Thursday)
- Upon Torgian's resignation, Steve Bell is then hastily "approved" (without consultations with the OCC) by Councillor El Chantiry as "interim Police Chief" (Thursday)
- Steve Bell's designated mandate is to coordinate by far the largest Ottawa police operation in Canadian History, against The Freedom Convoy Movement (Thursday Evening, February 17)

Ad hoc de facto "Interim Police Chief" Steve Bell

Following Trudeau's announcement to apply the Emergencies Act, Ottawa Deputy Police Chief **Steve Bell** called a Press Conference confirming his commitment to "ending the protest movement".

Below is the statement of **the ad hoc de facto "interim police chief" Steve Bell** pointing to "lawful techniques" against an "unlawful" protest movement in defiance of the Ottawa City Council. (Thursday, February 17, 2022)

Who Are the Criminals?

The ongoing Police Operation in Ottawa is an illegal and criminal act against Canadians ordered by a corrupt Prime Minister **who is acting on behalf of prominent members of the financial establishment.**

Ironically, the intrusion of **Big Money interests in the conduct of Canadian politics** was raised during the *House of Commons Question Period (19 February, 2022).*

Here it is... pic.twitter.com/K20UaL2FKW

— Lucian Scott []] []] (@ScottLucian) February 19, 2022

The Criminalization of Justice

On February 15, following the statements of Trudeau and Freeland, "<u>An Ottawa judge frozen</u> the bank accounts and digital "wallets" of convoy leaders".

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