

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of March 2004

Commission File Number 000-31062

Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Suite 210, 1167 Kensington Crescent NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1X7**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Oncolytics Biotech Inc.
(Registrant)

Date March 30, 2004

By: /s/ Douglas A. Ball

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oncolytics Biotech Appoints Mr. Jim Dinning to the Board of Directors

CALGARY, Alberta, March 30, 2004 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ: ONCY) (Oncolytics) today announced the appointment of Jim Dinning to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Dinning's experience as a director and board member in a number of public companies and other organizations, combined with his extensive experience from his service in provincial government, will add additional depth to our Board, said Dr. Brad Thompson, President and CEO of Oncolytics.

Mr. Dinning is currently executive vice-president, TransAlta Corporation. Prior to joining TransAlta in 1997, Mr. Dinning held several key positions during his 11 years as a member of the legislative assembly of Alberta, including his term as provincial treasurer from 1992 to 1997. Today, he serves as a director for a number of public, private and not-for-profit entities including Finning International Inc., Shaw Communications Inc., Western Financial Group, the Banff Centre, Canada West Foundation and the CD Howe Research Institute. He was the chair of the Calgary Health Region from 1999 to 2001. He has been recognized for his achievements with a Distinguished Service Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta and an honorary doctor of laws from the University of Calgary.

It's exciting to be engaged with an Alberta-based company in its development of new cancer therapeutics, said Mr. Dinning.

About Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

Oncolytics is a Calgary-based biotechnology company focused on the development of REOLYSIN®, its proprietary formulation of the human reovirus, as a potential cancer therapeutic. Oncolytics' researchers have demonstrated that the reovirus is able to selectively kill cancer cells and, in vitro, kill human cancer cells that are derived from many types of cancer including breast, prostate, pancreatic and brain tumours, and have also demonstrated successful cancer treatment results in a number of animal models. Phase I clinical trial results have indicated that REOLYSIN® was well tolerated and that the reovirus demonstrated activity in tumours injected with REOLYSIN®.

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