

Airdrie, Alberta
December 5, 2016

MY FILE: 017

Ms. Jill Clayton, Information and Privacy Commissioner
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
410, 9925 - 109 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Ms. Clayton:

Re: NO RESPONSE RECORDS - MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS FILE: 2016-G-0098

Please find enclosed the following information:

1. My completed Request for Review/Complaint Form.
2. A copy of my FOIP request dated September 16, 2016.
3. A copy of the response received from Municipal Affairs dated November 22, 2016.

I wish to complain about the unusual restrictions placed by Municipal Affairs on their search for the records I requested. Firstly, it seems they restricted their search to meetings with the Minister. Secondly, the statement in the department's letter stating that records '*... prepared for the Minister's meeting do not specifically address the issue of the RCMP securing firearms in High River during the flood.*' My request said nothing about the RCMP securing firearms. Nor do the four polls of High River residents mention firearms. Therefore, I don't understand why the search for records of meetings was restricted in any way other than the way my FOIP request was worded.

I'm sure the Minister, his Chief of Staff, Deputy Minister and Asst. Deputy Ministers had many meetings because they were and are most likely very concerned about the facts mentioned in the preamble of my request and the dire consequences for High River residents if the lack of trust in the RCMP and the Emergency Management regime isn't corrected before the next flood hits High River. It would also be very odd for the Alberta Government to pay out \$2.3 million (so far) for the damages the RCMP caused by their forced entries in High River without having at least a meeting or two even if the payouts were approved by the previous government.

Thanks for your help to get the records I requested.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed by]

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

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Alberta Government Institution:

Municipal Affairs and Emergency Management Agency

Details of the records being requested:

Reference is being made to 2,210 complaints filed with the RCMP by High River residents for \$2.5 million dollars in damages caused by the RCMP's unnecessary and unwarranted entries and unwarranted searches of and seizures from High River homes following the 2013 flood.

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2015/11/19/the-mounties-kicked-in-how-many-doors-in-high-river/>

Reference is also being made to the four telephone polls conducted on behalf of the National Firearms Association that found:

September 9, 2016: Less than half of High River residents trust the RCMP to protect their homes and property in the event of another emergency evacuation.

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/09/10/4th-nfa-high-river-poll-trust-in-the-rcmp-still-broken-three-years-after-flood/>

September 5, 2015: 48% of High River respondents want Premier Notley to call a judicial inquiry

<http://new.nfa.ca/media-release-poll-shows-half-of-high-river-residents-want-judicial-inquiry/>

March 9, 2015: 67% of High River respondents do not support RCMP entering their homes in a future emergency

<http://new.nfa.ca/public-believes-police-actions-at-high-river-unnecessary-3/>

August 7, 2014: 53% of High River respondents would refuse orders to evacuate their homes in the event of another flood

<http://new.nfa.ca/poll-of-high-river-residents-shows-a-dismal-lack-of-trust-in-rcmp-2/>

For the period from May 4, 2015 to present, please provide copies of the minutes of all meetings held in the department/ministry regarding the RCMP, National Defence and provincial government response to the 2013 flood in High River, Alberta including:

- (1) minutes of meetings attended by the Minister;
- (2) minutes of meetings attended by public servants working for the Minister including Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Ministers; and
- (3) minutes of meetings attended by the Minister's political staff including her Chief of Staff.

Please include copies of any records discussed in these meetings including: briefing notes, presentations, reports, government commissioned polls, correspondence, consequences for High River residents if the results of the above polls are right, corrective action necessary to rebuild trust in the RCMP among High River residents; and, finally, copies any handwritten notes taken at those meetings by the persons in attendance.

Kind of Information:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private information
Method of access preferred:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receive copies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Examine the record

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Date: September 16, 2016