

Airdrie, Alberta  
January 19, 2017

MY FILE: 135

Ms. Suzanne Legault  
The Information Commissioner of Canada  
30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor  
Gatineau, Quebec  
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Dear Ms. Legault:

**Re: “UNABLE TO LOCATE RECORDS” - RCMP ATIP FILE: A-2016-08686**

Please find attached a copy of my original ATIP request dated October 17, 2016 and the copy of RCMP’s no records reply dated December 20, 2016. I wish to complain about the incomplete search conducted by the RCMP for the records I requested. Here are just some of the documented reasons why I believe meetings must have been held by the RCMP on the High River Forced Entries over the last year:

- Please note the letter in the link below from the Commissioner of the RCMP to the Minister of Public Safety dated February 12, 2016. This letter could not have been written without at least one meeting (and most likely several meetings) being held in RCMP Headquarters and “K” Division.  
<http://dennisryoung.ca/2017/01/08/public-safety-releases-more-high-river-letters-to-minister-goodale/>
- The RCMP Commissioner’s letter to the Minister claims they had authority under the *Alberta Emergency Management Act* to kick in hundreds (maybe more than 2,000) doors of High River residents; however, there are lawyers who disagree with this interpretation. See the following legal analysis of how authority to enter buildings should have been authorized under the *Alberta Emergency Management Act* by lawyer, Rick Hemmingson of Lacombe, Alberta. <http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/67027> . The Alberta Property Rights Advocate even wrote in his 2013 report on the High River Forced Entries: “*But if such actions were taken by the RCMP Members under section 19 without Ministerial approval or direction, as normally would be required by the Act, their interpretation of that section is misguided.*”  
[http://justice.alberta.ca/programs\\_services/about\\_us/prao/assets/AnnualReport2013.pdf](http://justice.alberta.ca/programs_services/about_us/prao/assets/AnnualReport2013.pdf)  
These differences of legal opinion and legal authorities, Justice Department advice, and crown council opinions would have all been subject to review in meetings before the Commissioner wrote the Minister.
- The RCMP kicked in at least 754 doors and caused damages to more than 2,200 homes during their unlawful entries resulting in more than \$2.3 million in damage claims being paid out. This information had never been made the news before the article appeared in the Calgary Herald in June 2016 (see link below) and must have resulted in meetings being held in RCMP in both HQ and ‘k’ Division.  
<http://www.calgarysun.com/2016/06/13/damage-claims-from-rcmps-high-river-gun-grab-total-23-million>  
<http://dennisryoung.ca/2015/11/19/the-mounties-kicked-in-how-many-doors-in-high-river/>  
<http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/08/26/nfa-65000-facebook-hits-for-high-river-gun-grab-article-in-calgary-sun/>

- RCMP, meetings must have been held to consider the consequences will be if these ‘lack-of-trust’ indicators are not corrected. **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/>
- Since this petition was introduced in Parliament months ago, (see link below), and remains unanswered by the government, there must have been meetings by the RCMP about how best to answer this petition. **PARLIAMENT OF CANADA HIGH RIVER FLOOD RIGHTS VIOLATIONS PETITION E-179**  
<http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/02/20/parliament-of-canada-high-river-petition-e-179/>
- I have updated this Change.org petition several times in the last year (see link below). I don’t think the questions I raise in my updates have gone unnoticed by the RCMP and meetings would most likely have been held in the RCMP’s ‘K’ Division and transmitted to Ottawa HQ.  
<https://www.change.org/p/premier-of-alberta-call-a-judicial-inquiry-into-the-high-river-forced-entries>
- It’s pretty obvious that the Minister of Public Safety was thoroughly briefed on the High River Force Entries because of the very clear statements he made in Fort McMurray when it was evacuated. It is impossible that these Ministerial briefings were planned and held without the RCMP being in attendance.  
<http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/05/09/goodale-promises-no-repeat-of-high-river-rcmp-mistakes-in-fort-mcmurray/>
- The many issues raised in my letter to Minister Goodale in November 2015 must have also resulted in meetings being held in the department and the RCMP would have been an integral part of these meetings.  
<http://dennisryoung.ca/2015/11/25/minister-goodale-rcmp-in-high-river-did-not-appropriately-respect-civil-rights-and-civil-liberties/>

Thanks for your help to find the records I requested.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed by]

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*Received  
Jan 4, 2017  
[Signature]*

Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on October 24, 2016, which states:

*From the period from November 1, 2015 to present, please provide: (1) copies of minutes of all meetings held regarding the RCMP and National Defence response to the 2013 flood in High River, Alberta including: (a) minutes of meetings attended by the Commissioner (b) minutes of all meetings attended by the Public Safety Minister and or Justice Minister or both; (c) minutes of meetings attended by the Minister's exempt staff, (d) minutes of all meetings attended by the Deputy Ministers, ADMs, and other senior staff; Please include any handouts, reports, and presentations by persons in attendance; and, (2) Copies of briefing notes, question period notes, advice for the Minister (including drafts) regarding the RCMP and National Defence response to the 2013 flood in High River, Alberta*

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Ottawa and Alberta. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate records which respond to your request.

Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days after the day that you become aware that grounds for a complaint exist. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada  
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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Ms. Victoria Baldwin at 613-843-4716 or [victoria.baldwin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:victoria.baldwin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

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# ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

## Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 135

### Federal Government Institution:

RCMP HQ OTTAWA & 'K' DIVISION HQ

### Details regarding the information being sought:

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- (2) Copies of Briefing Notes, Question Period Notes, Advice to the Minister, reports, analyses, evaluations, presentations, etc, etc prepared for the Minister (including drafts) regarding the RCMP and National Defence response to the 2013 flood in High River, Alberta.

Method of access preferred: ☒ Receive copies of originals ☐ Examine originals in government offices

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This request for access to information under the Access to Information Act is being made by:

- ☒ a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or another individual present in Canada, or  
☐ a corporation present in Canada

Cheque # 515

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Original signed by]  
Dennis R. Young

Date: October 17, 2016