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June 14, 2017

Mr. Dennis R. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence. I sincerely regret the lengthy delay in replying.

You may be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. As you know, the matter you raise falls under the purviews of the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, to whom I note you have already sent your correspondence. While the Prime Minister appreciates being made aware of your concerns, he will leave the matter to be considered by Ministers Goodale and Sajjan.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Jolicoeur'.

T. Jolicoeur
Executive Correspondence Officer

Canada

Airdrie, Alberta
November 21, 2016

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: No Response from Minister of National Defence to my Letter of June 21, 2016

Please find attached a copy of the letter I sent to the Honourable Harjit Singh Sajjan. I know the Minister is a very busy man but it has now been five months and I have yet to receive an acknowledgement or reply from the Minister. In keeping with your promises to make government more transparent and information more accessible, it is vital that Canadians receive answers to the many questions that remain unanswered concerning the rights violations in High River, I hope you can convince the Minister to address the concerns raised in my letters sooner rather than later.

Two hundred and seventy-three RCMP officers (aided and abetted by the Canadian Armed Forces personnel) unlawfully entered 4,666 High River homes (on at least two occasions) during and following the 2013 flood and emergency evacuation. In the process of entering those homes they kicked in 'more than 754 doors' (finding no one in those hundreds of homes) and causing more than \$2.3 million in damages (so far) to 2,210 homes. Then they left those homes open to both looters and the elements. They searched those 4,666 homes without warrant and seized private property without any lawful authority or excuse. Contrary to direct orders not to participate in law enforcement from the Minister of Defence and the Chief of Defence Staff, soldiers deployed in High River participated in the seizing of firearms.

As four polls of High River residents (see links below) prove, trust in the RCMP has been broken in High River and cannot be restored until and unless the whole truth is made public and a public apology made by the Commissioner of the RCMP. The RCMP's Charter violations, casual disregard for private property and the rule of law in High River also worries many of us who live in other communities, should a state of local emergency ever be declared and an evacuation order given. Even a slight hesitation in evacuating our homes could be the difference between life and death. It is for this reason that restoring the trust in High River is so important before there is another flood.

Much of the truth to be told about what happened in High River remains with the 380 Canadian Armed Forces personnel that were deployed there between June 21, 2013 and June 27, 2013. These soldiers were witnesses to the RCMP's illegal acts and Canadians need to hear what they did, why they did it and what they saw the RCMP do to the people's homes and property in High River.

The Interim Report and Final Report on the High River Gun Grab by the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP is woefully incomplete without these soldiers' valuable testimony.

Yours sincerely,

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JUNE 21, 2016 - LETTER TO MINISTER OF DEFENCE: HIGH RIVER REPORT DID NOT FULFIL DEFENCE MINISTER NICHOLSON'S PROMISE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/06/27/letter-to-minister-of-defence-high-river-report-did-not-fulfil-defence-minister-nicholsons-promise/>

FOUR POLLS OF HIGH RIVER RESIDENTS INDICATE TRUST IS STILL BROKEN

Telephone Poll 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.

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NOTE: This petition remains unanswered by the government.

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/>

<https://www.change.org/p/premier-of-alberta-call-a-judicial-inquiry-into-the-high-river-forced-entries>

OCTOBER 28, 2016 - MINISTER GOODALE RESPONDS TO SOME HIGH RIVER LETTERS BUT NOT MINE <http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/11/06/minister-goodale-responds-to-some-high-river-letters-but-not-mine/>

NOVEMBER 25, 2015 - LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY RE: HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES BY RCMP WERE UNLAWFUL AND DID NOT 'APPROPRIATELY RESPECT CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES'

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2015/11/25/minister-goodale-rcmp-in-high-river-did-not-appropriately-respect-civil-rights-and-civil-liberties/>

Airdrie, Alberta
November 23, 2016

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Prime Minister:

Re: No Response from Minister of Public Safety to my Letter of November 21, 2015

Please find attached a copy of the letters I sent to the Honourable Ralph Goodale; the first dated one year ago, and my follow-up letter dated May 28, 2016.

I know the Minister is a very busy man but it has now been five months and I have yet to receive an acknowledgement or reply from the Minister. In keeping with your promises to make government more transparent and information more accessible, it is vital that Canadians receive answers to the many questions that remain unanswered concerning the rights violations in High River, I hope you can convince the Minister to address the concerns raised in my letters sooner rather than later.

As you can see from his Department's response to my *Access to Information Act* request, Minister Goodale has responded to some letters he has received specifically regarding the High River Gun Grab part of the RCMP's illegal acts. I suspect my letters are a little more difficult to answer in that I ask the Minister to address all the Charter violations that occurred in High River including the hundreds of doors the RCMP kicked in (without finding anyone in those homes), the 2,210 homes the RCMP damaged during RCMP's unlawful entries and illegal searches of those High River homes and the resulting payout of \$2.3 million taxpayer dollars in damage claims (so far).

I have also included a summary of the four telephone polls conducted of High River residents showing a consistent and persistent lack of trust in the RCMP to care for and protect their homes and property during any subsequent emergency evacuation. Only a complete airing of the truth of what occurred in High River, who ordered the unlawful entry of thousands of homes, the complete publication of the disposition of all the charges laid in High River as a result of the unlawful entries and illegal searches and an apology by the Commissioner of the RCMP will adequately begin the process of restoring the trust among High River residents. I look forward to your intervention and receiving a response from the Minister.

Yours sincerely,

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MAY 28, 2016 - MINISTER GOODALE: I'M STILL WAITING FOR A REPLY TO MY HIGH RIVER LETTER <http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/06/04/still-waiting-for-a-reply-to-my-high-river-letter/>

OCTOBER 28, 2016 - MINISTER GOODALE RESPONDS TO SOME HIGH RIVER LETTERS BUT NOT MINE – RESPONSE TO MY ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT REQUEST.

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