



CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION'S INITIAL RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION REGARDING RCMP HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES & RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

From: Public Enquiries [mailto: publicenquiries@ccla.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:32 AM
To: dennisyoung@telus.net
Subject: Thank You for Contacting the CCLA

Thank you for contacting the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA). We appreciate your taking the time to write to us. It can be difficult on many levels to convey the facts of your story, and we thank you for sharing your concerns with us. CCLA is committed to protecting and promoting human rights and civil liberties for everyone in Canada. In certain limited circumstances, if we have the ability and resources, we can provide information on individual cases.

What CCLA does

CCLA is a national, non-profit organization that fights for the rights and freedoms of people in Canada through law reform advocacy on systemic issues. We strive to use our resources to make an impact for the greatest number of people, and those facing the most difficult violations of their fundamental rights and freedoms.

We read, review and take note of all enquiries (emails, phone calls and questions) as part of our ongoing efforts to monitor the state of civil liberties in Canada, and greatly benefit when individuals and groups bring personal or public issues to our attention. As such, if you have not already done so, please feel free to send us a brief (one page) summary of your civil liberties concerns. It will be easiest for us to understand this summary if it includes a short description of the important facts and events in chronological order, and what you are hoping to do at this time.

This year, we are focusing on the following advocacy areas: prisoners' rights, Canada's no-fly list as regulated by the *Secure Air Travel Act*, unreasonable searches and seizures, policing and protest, racial profiling, trans rights, freedom of religion and equality, and issues of privacy and surveillance.

And we provide a great deal of information on our website (as discussed below).

What CCLA does not do

CCLA is not able to respond individually to each of the many emails, questions, and phone calls we receive. However, if we have questions for you, or otherwise wish to reach you, we will attempt to do so within 15 business days. CCLA is not a government agency or a community legal clinic and does not generally provide members of the public with legal advice or direct legal representation. We are not able to meet with you in person.

If you have a legal question

If you have a legal question or issue you feel is urgent or that requires the attention of a professional, you may consider contacting a lawyer or an organization that provides legal support in your community. Information about where to find some of these can be found below.

The CCLA provides general information on the following topics on our website. This includes not only information about the issues, but also about where you can find resources, make a complaint or otherwise advocate in your community:

- [Legal Resources and Legal Clinics](#)
- [Complaints about police](#)
- [Letters or lawsuits threatening legal action against protestors or activists \(also known as “Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation”\)](#)
- [Concerns about discrimination \(including harassment\) – in the workplace, in housing, public services, private stores and businesses - on the basis of sex, race, disability, gender identity, etc.](#)
- [Non-conviction records and police record checks](#)
- [Treatment at the border](#)
- [Representing oneself in court as a “self-represented litigant”](#)
- [Prisoners’ rights](#)
- [Concerns about gangstalking](#)

CCLA’s Work and Civil Liberties

For more information about CCLA’s work and our role in the fight for freedom, we invite you to refer to the growing content available on our website – ccla.org. Thank you again for taking the time to share your concerns with us. We always appreciate hearing from members of the public. **We will carefully review your request, and if we have further information or questions for you, we will attempt to reach you within 15 business days, as noted above.** While we cannot take on every individual case, being informed helps us identify systemic issues, and promote rights and freedoms for all people in Canada.

CCLA fights for the civil liberties, human rights, and democratic freedoms of all people across Canada. Founded in 1964, we are an independent, national, nongovernmental organization, working in the courts, before legislative committees, in the classrooms, and in the streets, protecting the rights and freedoms cherished by Canadians and entrenched in our Constitution. To donate to CCLA or become a CCLA member, click [here](#).

MY QUESTION TO THE CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION REGARDING POLICING POWERS, USE OF FORCE AND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

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Subject: Policing Powers, Use of Force and Police Accountability

Hi folks: Below is a summary of my attempts, using FOIP and ATIP requests, to get copies of records related to the RCMP rights violations in High River, Alberta following the 2013 flood. **Can you think of an avenue I haven’t pursued to get these records available to the residents of High River, the public and the media?**

Thanks for your time and consideration, Dennis

COVER-UP OF RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES

Ottawa and Alberta governments are using solicitor-client privilege to hide the truth about RCMP rights violations after 2013 flood in High River

- Many important questions remain unanswered
- Access to High River rights violation paper denied
- High River rights violations not repeated in Fort McMurray
- What good can come from keeping these records secret?
- Release the records or call a judicial inquiry!

By Dennis R. Young, Canada Free Press - January 4, 2018

<http://canadafreepress.com/article/cover-up-of-rights-violations-in-high-river-forced-entries>

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