



**'LEGAL AUTHORITIES PAPER' USED IN HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES?  
FOUR YEARS OF RCMP STONEWALLING  
By Dennis R. Young – October 19, 2018**

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["Please provide \(1\) A copy of the 'legal authorities . . . paper from Crown counsel' referred to in the attached e-mail by RCMP Asst. Commissioner Marianne Ryan that was prepared 'to give out to our folks speaking to the media for their reference and confidence in speaking to this issue to the public'; \(2\) Copies of the materials provided to RCMP officers speaking to the media regarding the legal authorities for the forced entries and firearms seizures in High River; and, \(3\) Copies of all the follow-up communications responding to Bill Sweeney's question: 'What legal authority do the police rely upon to forcibly enter private property in the flood stricken area?'"](#)

[May 13, 2015 – Filed a complaint with the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada](#) disputing the RCMP exempting the documents in its entirety due to court proceedings citing section 16(1)(a)(ii) of the *Access to Information Act*. **(16 (1))** The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains **(a)** information obtained or prepared by any government institution, or part of any government institution, that is an investigative body specified in the regulations in the course of lawful investigations pertaining to **(ii)** the enforcement of any law of Canada or a province]

[April 12, 2017 – Filed a follow-up complaint based on the RCMP release of 4-pages of Media Lines](#)

Once again, the RCMP refused to release the Crown Counsel legal authorities paper citing *Access to Information Act* section 16(1)(a)(ii) [enforcement of any law of Canada or a province]. Excerpt from my letter: "The RCMP High River door-kicking spree was not a 'law enforcement' operation it was a 'search and rescue' mission. It didn't become a 'law enforcement operation' until the RCMP started unlawfully entering High River homes."

[September 14, 2017 Filed another missing records complaint:](#) Excerpt from my letter: "What does the Alberta Crown counsel legal authorities paper say that will be so embarrassing or legally damaging to the RCMP that they have been going to such lengths over the last three years to keep it a state secret? What are they hiding, who are they protecting and why?"

October 4, 2018 – Received an e-mail from the Investigator at the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada advising: *The text of the legal authorities paper is being withheld under both paragraph 13(1)(c) (information received in confidence from the government of a province), and section 23 (solicitor-client privilege). My office intends to accept the exemption under 13(1)(c), without passing judgment on whether section 23 also applies. I replied asking for clarification: The RCMP have never used these two exemptions before and if he has proof that the paper was received in confidence?*

[October 18, 2018 – LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY - MANDATORY EVACUATION: ORDER POLICE OFFICER AUTHORITIES.](#) Received 202-page response exempting the entire Alberta Crown Counsel legal authorities paper citing *under both paragraph 13(1)(c) (information received in confidence from the government of a province), and section 23 (solicitor-client privilege).*