

Airdrie, Alberta
July 14, 2019

MY FILE: 021

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta
2460, 801 6th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta
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Dear Commissioner:

Re: REQUEST FOR REVIEW – ALBERTA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOIP FILE: 2019-G-0062

Please find attached the following information in support of my request:

1. My completed Request for Review form.
2. A copy of my FOIP request dated April 21, 2019.
3. A copy of the Government Services 9-page response dated July 2, 2019. Note: Also available at this URL link: <https://dennisyoung.ca/2019/07/03/alberta-government-hides-another-high-river-document/>

I am requesting a review because I believe the Government Services Sector failed to conduct an adequate search and consequently, failed to provide all the records I requested from the Office of the Premier and Executive Council; specifically:

- All records and correspondence with regard to High River Forced Entries received by the Premier and her office between 2014 and April 2019 including from the offices of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Federal Government departments and agencies;
- All records regarding the interaction and communications between the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP during their investigation in High River between July 2013 and February 2015;
- All records regarding the results of the investigation conducted by and reports issued by the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP including the media coverage of those reports;
- All records regarding polls conducted in High River assessing the level of trust in the RCMP and consequences if trust in the RCMP is not restored;
- All records regarding the Crown Counsel paper prepared at the request of Justice Minister Jonathan Denis asking specifically: “*What legal authority do the police rely upon to forcibly enter private property in a flood stricken area?*” The report in question is most likely called: “*The Local State of Emergency-Mandatory Evacuation Order Police Office Authorities*” written by Crown Prosecutor Peter Mackenzie.
- All records regarding the 2013 and 2014 reports on the High River Forced Entries by the Alberta Property Rights Advocate that directly rebut the legal authority cited in the 9-page response I received;
- All records regarding the 2,210 damage claims filed with the RCMP by the residents of High River and where the \$2.45 million paid out to settle these claims came from (Federal or Provincial Government) and who in the Alberta Government signed off on this \$2.45 million;
- All records regarding the many e-mails I personally sent directly to the Premier’s e-mail address with copies to all Alberta MLAs (including the Premier’s constituency offices); and
- All records regarding the Change.org petition signed by more than 2,500 supporters for which periodic reports are also sent directly to the Premier’s Office e-mail account: <https://www.change.org/p/premier-of-alberta-call-a-judicial-inquiry-into-the-high-river-forced-entries>

The main problem with the government's response is that all the records provided to me were dated 2013 and 2014. So much about what happened in High River wasn't reported until after February 2015 when the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP released their Interim Report on their investigation into the forced entries in High River.

Finally, I request a review of the severed information that has been withheld under section 25(1) *Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body*. The public's right to know and the need to rebuild trust in the RCMP is more important than withholding documents from the public and the media. Openness and transparency is required in our examination of the many Charter violations in High River following the 2013 flood.

Sincerely,

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