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Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner releases three Review Reports dealing with access denied by the City of Saskatoon.

Saskatchewan's Information and Privacy Commissioner, Gary Dickson, has issued the following Reports under *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (LA FOIP):

- Report LA 2011-004. This involved the denial of access by the City in December, 2009 to certain records of the Destination Centre Steering Committee.
- Report LA 2011-003. This involved the denial of access by the City in 2005 to records relating to the South Downtown Project.
- Report LA 2011-002. This involved the denial of access by the City in 2007 to a draft audit report on the City's snow and ice program.

In all three Reports, the Commissioner found that the City had failed to meet its burden of proof to justify denying access. He recommended that all of the records the City withheld in respect to each of the three Reports be released to the applicants. In the case of Report LA 2011-004 he also recommended that, since the City had provided insufficient evidence as to whether reference to two "citizens-at-large" would constitute personal information, it should make that assessment and sever as appropriate to protect the personal information from disclosure.

In a Postscript to Report LA 2011-004, the Commissioner recommends that the City re-evaluate the fashion in which it manages its statutory responsibilities under LA FOIP.

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For a copy of all three Review Reports, go to www.oipc.sk.ca under the *What's New* tab.

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