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Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner upholds solicitor-client exemption but finds that the City of Saskatoon did not provide adequate justification for withholding other documents relating to River Landing Redevelopment Area.

In Review Report LA-2011-001, Information and Privacy Commissioner Gary Dickson found that, although the City of Saskatoon (the City) had argued that eleven different provisions of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (LA FOIP) applied to deny records to the Applicant, only two of those provisions were properly applied: ‘solicitor-client privilege’ to a large number of documents and ‘advice from officials’ to a much smaller number of documents. In respect to the other exemptions claimed by the City, the City failed to meet the statutory burden of proof to justify withholding documents.

The Commissioner offered guidance for applying each exemption and recommended that the City reconsider its decision to withhold or sever certain documents.

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