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Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner dismisses vexatious reviews from individual and finds City of Saskatoon disclosed personal information without consent

The Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner today released two reports, one in which he dismissed review requests found to be vexatious and not made in good faith, while in the other he found the City of Saskatoon disclosed personal information without consent or authority.

Review Report F-2010-002 addressed 95 different requests from the same individual for review of access denial by five different government institutions (Advanced Education, Employment and Labour; Executive Council; Justice and Attorney General; Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board; and the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board).

The Commissioner determined that four of the five government institutions failed to provide notification to the Applicant as required by *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) and that the 95 reviews should be dismissed on the basis that they were vexatious and not made in good faith.

The Commissioner, Gary Dickson, also recommended that the Legislative Assembly amend FOIP so that the Commissioner could, in the future, authorize a public body to disregard requests for access that are frivolous, vexatious or not made in good faith.

Meanwhile, Investigation Report LA-2010-001 concluded that the City of Saskatoon failed to justify its disclosure of certain personal information of an employee to the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CRA). The Commissioner found that, at all material times, the City followed a blanket or indiscriminate policy regarding disclosure of personal information to the CRA, failed to exercise its statutory discretion, and disclosed more personal information than was requested. Furthermore, the City failed to respond adequately to this breach.

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