



Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office

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Halifax Regional Police Provide Records to the Freedom of Information Review Officer

The Halifax Regional Police [HRP] has complied with the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Officer's recommendation by providing the majority of the Record under Review at her office.

Dulcie McCallum's recommendation was to provide her with the Record related to an application for access to information regarding the investigation of a lie detector company and police members.

On September 6, 2011 a representative of the HRP hand-delivered the responsive records for the investigations that have been completed.

"I am pleased with this result as now I am able to continue with the Review and fulfill my mandate as the independent oversight Freedom of Information Review Officer," said McCallum.

"It was a disappointment that the HRP did not hand over the Records at the outset as all public bodies do during a Review. The HRP's earlier refusal to provide the relevant records was preventing me from performing my statutory oversight duty. As a result I released my July 27, 2011 Review Report FI-11-34(M), the complete text of which is available on our website. That public report recommended that the HRP provide the Review Officer with the Record. I am optimistic that the HRP will continue to cooperate now and in the future," McCallum said.

Now that the majority of the Record is in the hands of the Review Officer, the Applicant's Request for Review can proceed in part. The question of whether the Record can be released in whole or in part to the Applicant is the subject of the Review that will now take some time to complete.

One part of the Record remains outstanding and whether the remaining portion of the Record is being rightfully withheld from her by the HRP is a question that will continue to be pursued by the Review Officer.

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