

Subject: RE: November Election-request for information
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Date: Wed, 10 May 2006 08:40:15 -0700 (PDT)
To: "Cathy Adams" <CathyAdams@Canada.com>
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Hi Cathy,

This is really interesting - just the kind of thing I like to get my teeth into. Let's start with some points:

a) There are no explicit requirements to keep the information confidential - in fact the media regularly publishes much of the information and I don't believe they have any special privileges.

b) Much of the information kept by government (including municipal - which is really provincial - have time limits as to how long the records must be retained - but - and here is the point - they don't necessarily have limits to being copied - unless it EXPLICITLY does not allow that. In Canada the default is that all public records are available to the public.

In conclusion - since there appears to be no statement explicitly saying these records may not be copied (in fact I believe there is a section which requires that all members of council be given a copy) they can be - and copies should be made freely available to the public. The Community Charter did bring about some changes - which may not be fully understood by all.

Since I am currently in Ottawa I will have more on this later.

Corrie Kost

Hi Agnes
Thank you for your response.

The Community Charter deals with the issue of copies being available. I refer to Section 95 (3), which states that a person may have a copy of any municipal record which is available for public inspection. Section 194 (3) says that fees may not be imposed for items in relation to Parts 3 or 4 of the Local Government Act, the portions of the LGA dealing with elections.

Would you please take a look at these sections specifically? As I have done in the past, I could come in and try to make notes from the records. A concern when doing that is the possibility of transcription errors, so copies would always be preferable.

Thanks very much
Cathy Adams

At 03:22 PM 5/4/2006, Agnes Hilsen wrote:

Hi Cathy:

We're not able to make make copies of the disclosure statements (Local Government Act rules), but they are available for inspection in the Clerk's Office.

Agnes

Original Message-----

From: Cathy Adams [<mailto:CathyAdams@Canada.com>]

Sent: Thu 5/4/2006 1:25 PM

To: Agnes Hilsen

Cc: fonvca@fonvca.org

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Hello Agnes

Please refer this request to whoever in your department should receive it.

I would like to obtain a copy of the candidates' Disclosure Statements and Supplementary Reports for last November's election. Please advise regarding this.

Thank you.
Cathy Adams