



Office of the
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Alberta

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Adjudicator waives fees for records requested from Calgary Board of Education

An Adjudicator with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has waived fees requested by the Calgary Board of Education for records requested by an individual.

The individual made five access requests under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). The Public Body responded with fee estimates of over \$6,000 to locate and process the requested information. The applicant then requested a fee waiver, which the Public Body refused.

Following an inquiry into the matter, Adjudicator Teresa Cunningham determined that it was not clear if the Public Body had set the fees by resolution. But, she also determined that the Applicant was entitled to a fee waiver based on an inability to pay, and as such, she found it was unnecessary to determine whether the fees had been set by resolution or whether it was necessary for a local public body to do so.

She reduced the fees to zero and ordered the Public Body to respond and process the Applicants requests.

For a copy of Order F2009-039, please visit our website at www.oipc.ab.ca

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