



Office of the
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Alberta

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City of Edmonton ordered to conduct adequate search for records and to cease disclosing personal information

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has ordered the City of Edmonton (the Public Body) to conduct an adequate search for responsive records and has ordered it to stop disclosing the personal information of an individual.

The individual made an access request to the Public Body under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) to find out how information about her plans to build a new house appeared in a newsletter circulated around Edmonton. The Public Body responded to her request; however, the individual requested that the Commissioner review the Public Body's response and determine whether the Public Body had conducted an adequate search. The individual also complained that the Public Body had disclosed her personal information contrary to Part 2 of FOIP when it showed plans of her house to a neighbour at a meeting with the neighbour, and when it responded to the neighbour's access request under FOIP. Part 2 of FOIP sets out the only situations in which a public body may disclose the personal information of individuals.

Adjudicator Teresa Cunningham found that the City had not conducted an adequate search and ordered it to do so. She also found that the City contravened Part 2 of FOIP when it disclosed drawings of her house to a neighbour. She found that the Public Body's response to the neighbour's access request was made in accordance with Part 2 of FOIP.

You can find a copy of Orders F2009-019 and F2009-020 at www.oipc.ab.ca

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