



OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE
SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA

The Trusted Leader in Policing
Le chef de file de confiance dans la police

Our File Number: 22-0119

July 11th, 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: **"SOCIAL Musical Ride 2022"**

I am responding to your request for access to information pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for:

Provide copies of all documents, including memos, briefing notes, e-mails, texts or Instant messages, slack messages, WhatsApp messages, etc., regarding the WhatsApp chat group "SOCIAL Musical Ride 2022" and the posts made there by police officers regarding the trucker convoy/protests in Ottawa, since February 1, 2022

Please be advised that in cooperation with OPS Legal Services Directorate, a decision has been made to deny the information requested.

Access pertaining to WhatsApp and Slack messages is denied as the Ottawa Police Service does not collect, maintain, or retain any messages or information from the WhatsApp or Slack application or any personal cellular devices such as text messages; therefore, no records exist.

Access to text messages and instant messaging is denied as the content of text messages to and from Ottawa Police Service cellular devices (work phones) is not collected, maintained nor stored on any Ottawa Police Service networks or storage locations; therefore, no records exist.

Access to Ottawa Police Service memos, briefing notes, emails is denied pursuant to sections 8(1), 15(b), and 52(2.1) of the Act. These sections apply because:

8.1 A head may refuse to disclose a record if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to,
(b) Interfere with an investigation undertaken with a view to a law enforcement proceeding or from which a law enforcement proceeding is likely to result;
(c) reveal investigative techniques and procedures currently in use or likely to be used in law enforcement;

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- (d) disclose the identity of a confidential source of information in respect of a law enforcement matter, or disclose information furnished only by the confidential source;
- (e) endanger the life or physical safety of a law enforcement officer or any other person
- (f) facilitate the commission of an unlawful act or hamper the control of crime.

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- (b) the head believes on reasonable grounds that the record or the information contained in the record will be published by an institution within 90 days after the request is made or within such further period of time as may be necessary for printing or translating the material for the purpose of printing it.

52(2.1) This Act does not apply to a record relating to a prosecution if all proceedings in respect of the prosecution have not been completed.

If you have any questions you may contact the Freedom of Information Section at foianalyst@ottawapolice.ca.

You may request a review of the decision by the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8. You have 30 days to make this appeal.

In the event that you wish to launch an appeal, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following:

- 1) our file number;
- 2) a copy of this decision letter; and
- 3) a copy of the original request for information which you sent to this institution.

In addition, you must send an appeal fee to the Commissioner's office. If your request was for your personal information, the appeal fee is \$10.00. The appeal fee for all other requests for information is \$25.00. Please include the fee in your letter of appeal. Appeal fees should be in the form of either a cheque or money order, payable to the Minister of Finance.

Thank you,
Ottawa Police Service
Freedom of Information Analysts

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