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LETTER VIA EMAIL

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**RE: CTLA - REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT**

Mr. Engel,

The Edmonton Police Commission (the "EPC") received your request for general information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, RSA 2000, c F-25 ("FOIPPA") on March 10, 2025.

You have requested:

*"All records as defined by section 1(q) of FOIPPA relating to the following statements made by Chief McFee on a recent episode of the podcast, The Quiet Professional, found at this link: <https://thequietprofessional.podbean.com/>"*

*"I'm not sure there's something I could have did to change, but it doesn't mean you don't think about it. Yeah. Fact it had, I think, I think this whole, you know, **since this council has been in the last one and, you know, some of the, how would I say it? It's almost to the point where it's just been toxic and somewhat abusive to, to our commission that I should have probably stepped in.***

*And I, and I say that only because I was a deputy minister in charge of this stuff. And so I know what, what is the lane and what's good governance and what isn't, I and the so-called chief of police that, you know, knows better than anybody else. **But those volunteers and what they did to keep our organization strong, some, some pretty accusatory things and things in the media and accusations and social media by actually some professional people and politicians, that's not okay.***

*Like, this is a extremely diverse commission that, you know, they've got skill sets, accountants, lawyers, doctors, you know, lived experience members of the LGBTQ2S plus community. I mean, they're diverse, more diverse than I've ever seen actually. And I've been around policing a long time.*

*So, could I have done or, you know, reduce that or try to change that? I don't know. I should have probably jumped in and said something earlier and, you know, but it's not right. I mean, it's, it's just not right to have to have to go through that.*

*So would this be along the lines, like you had mentioned in your statement that when you're retiring, like there was something said about you that were hurtful, that have had an impact on you. Is this along the same lines as that? Yeah. I mean, yeah.*

*I mean, I, I think I even said that there that I, in my media interview that I, I feel that it may be, I*

*should have, you know, ultimately I have the ability as a chief of police to, to go to the province or somebody for a review on some of this, if I feel, and I just, you don't jump to those things quickly because it's, it doesn't, you know, it's not the best way to deal with it, but sometimes I, I hold it and maybe I should have, but you know, that's something that I obviously deal with and have to do it. I'm not sure it's a right or wrong answer, but I do feel it watching the toll and, and the impact of people leaving, you know, you know, I, it's not hard for me to figure out that, you know, there's been an impact and that shouldn't be on a, on a, on a volunteer board, you know, but again, I don't want to belabor this too much, but you know, is there other things, there's always things that thing. And I mean, you know, I let some of the CSWB stuff, uh, maybe grow organically."*

We have conducted searches of records in the custody or under the control of the EPC as required by FOIPP and have located no records responsive to your request.

Under section 65 of *FOIPP*, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this response to your request. You have 60 days from the date of this notice to request a review by writing to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at 410, 9925 – 109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2J8.

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner with the following information:

- 1) A copy of this letter
- 2) A copy of your original request for information that you sent to the Edmonton Police Commission.

Sincerely,

Matthew Barker  
Executive Director and Privacy Officer