

August 12, 2013  
Airdrie, Alberta

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**Mr. Ian McPhail, Q.C., Interim Chair**  
Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP  
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Dear Mr. McPhail:

**RE: High River Flood & Firearms Seizures**


Once again, let me thank you for initiating your investigation into this complaint on behalf of firearms owners in High River, Alberta. I have sent you a couple of e-mails but thought I should follow-up my concerns with a formal request. I have attached copies of my two e-mails for your easy reference. My first e-mail includes the text of four *Access to Information Act* requests I have filed. I don't have much luck getting the whole truth from the RCMP in their responses to my ATI Act requests. Hopefully, your efforts will meet with more success.

Ever since this video was posted on-line (see link below), I have wondered exactly what the RCMP dispatcher said to the boatload of officers that were about to conduct their forced entry and search of residence number 619? **Maybe having an expert audio technician suppress the background noise in this audio will answer this question.** <http://bcblue.wordpress.com/2013/06/28/redford-ordered-rcmp-to-enter-and-take-high-river-residents-fire-arms/>

We can all hear the dispatcher say "firearms" but we can't decipher what else the dispatcher said. It seems odd that the officers would drive by dozens and dozens of houses and stop just at number 619. Had they searched all the other homes in the previous day or is this proof they were they targeting homes of gun owners? Why did they pick house 619 after going by so many other houses? Why did the dispatcher say "firearms" in the transmission if they were really worried about survivors and pets? If it's true that the RCMP only seized firearms if they were out-in the open, why mention firearms at all? Other news stories prove they actually went out of their way looking for guns to seize. Please see the column by Sun News columnist Lorne Gunter in the second e-mail I attached and Brian Lilley's Sun News video link below.  
<http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/video/search/Tony%20Bernardo/high-river-gun-grab/2523158370001>

Thanks again for investigating these concerns. We all look forward to your reports. Please let me know if I can be of any further help.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for contacting the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (Commission) to express your concern regarding recent events where RCMP members entered private residences and seized firearms following flooding in High River in June and July 2013.

On July 5, 2013, the Interim Chair of the Commission initiated his own complaint and public interest investigation into the conduct of all RCMP members or other persons appointed or employed under the authority of the RCMP *Act* involved in the activities in High River, Alberta, specifically:

1. whether the RCMP members or other persons appointed or employed under the authority of the RCMP *Act* involved in entering private residences in High River complied with all appropriate training, policies, procedures, guidelines and statutory requirements;
2. whether the RCMP members or other persons appointed or employed under the authority of the RCMP *Act* involved in seizing firearms from private residences in High River complied with all appropriate training, policies, procedures, guidelines and statutory requirements; and,
3. whether the RCMP national, divisional and detachment-level policies, procedures and guidelines relating to such incidents are adequate.

Although a separate complaint has not been lodged in your name, your comments will be provided to the Interim Chair for his consideration relative to this investigation. A copy of the Interim Chair's complaint is attached.

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*Received 20 August 2013*  
*[Signature]*

Updates relative to this incident and other important issues regarding police accountability can be found on the Commission's website at [www.cpc-cpp.gc.ca](http://www.cpc-cpp.gc.ca).

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please contact us at 1-800-665-6878.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Günther Schönfeldt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Günther Schönfeldt  
Intake Officer

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