

Airdrie, Alberta
May 30, 2015

The Honourable Peter MacKay
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Minister MacKay:

Re: HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES & THE CHARTER?

Firstly, let me thank you for your many years of service to Canada. As a person who decided not to run for a seat in Parliament over concern for my family, I do understand your decision to step out of politics for the time being. I also admire your decision to continue to serve your country as Minister of Justice until the fall election.

My reason for writing today is to ask you a simple question. Something I just can't understand about the RCMP Public Complaints Commission report on High River: **FINDING NO. 3: Pursuant to the Emergency Management Act, the Emergency Operations Centre authorized and instructed the RCMP's entry without warrant and search of every High River building as part of the Emergency Operations Centre's emergency plans.**

Set aside for the moment that the procedures under the Act for authorizing the unwarranted searches were not followed, I have this question: **How is it possible that the legal authority under the *Alberta Emergency Management Act* took precedence over the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Alberta Bill of Rights?**

Section 18 (5.1) of the *Alberta Emergency Management Act* states: "*Unless otherwise provided for in the order for a declaration of a state of emergency, where an order for a declaration of a state of emergency is made, and there is a conflict between this Act or a regulation made under this Act and any other Act or regulation, other than the Alberta Bill of Rights or the Alberta Human Rights Act or a regulation made under either of those Acts, during the time that the order is in effect, this Act and the regulations made under this Act shall prevail in Alberta or that part of Alberta in respect of which the order was made.*"

I am really looking forward to your reply. Please call or e-mail if you need more information or have any questions. All the best with your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety
Ian McPhail, Chair, Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP

Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP - Chair-Initiated Complaint and Public Interest Investigation into the RCMP's Response to the 2013 Flood in High River, Alberta - February 12, 2015

<https://www.crc-cetp.gc.ca/en/chair-initiated-complaint-and-public-interest-investigation-rcmps-response-2013-flood-high-river>

**HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES, UNWARRANTED SEARCHES & SEIZURES
137 More Pages Of RCMP Handwritten Notes Raises 74 Questions**

By Dennis R. Young -- Bio and Archives May 12, 2015
<http://canadafreepress.com/index.php/article/71908>

**CANADA'S NATIONAL FIREARMS ASSOCIATION MEDIA RELEASE - MAY 12, 2015
POLL SHOWS HALF OF HIGH RIVER RESIDENTS WANT JUDICIAL INQUIRY**

Three High River polls show a lot more questions need to be answered to rebuild trust
<https://nfa.ca/news/media-release-poll-shows-half-high-river-residents-want-judicial-inquiry>

**COMMENTARY #5 - RCMP HIGH RIVER REPORT
SO MANY QUESTIONS LEFT UNANSWERED BY THE RCMP PUBLIC COMPLAINTS
COMMISSION HIGH RIVER INVESTIGATION**

By Dennis R. Young -- Bio and Archives March 31, 2015
<http://canadafreepress.com/index.php/article/70833>

COMMENTARY #4 - RCMP HIGH RIVER REPORT

OPEN LETTER TO ALBERTA JUSTICE MINISTER JONATHAN DENIS

When did you know the RCMP were kicking in doors in High River, why didn't you stop it before it got out of hand and why did your government defend the RCMP's actions?

By Dennis R. Young -- Bio and Archives March 24, 2015

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COMMENTARY #3 - RCMP HIGH RIVER REPORT

DO YOU WANT A REPEAT OF WHAT THE RCMP DID IN HIGH RIVER FOR YOUR TOWN?

RCMP's DRAFT PLAN FOR TOWNS DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

By Dennis R. Young -- Bio and Archives March 16, 2015

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COMMENTARY #2 - RCMP HIGH RIVER REPORT

LONG-GUN REGISTRY DATA USED IN HIGH RIVER GUN GRAB

By Dennis R. Young March 9, 2015

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RCMP PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION'S HIGH RIVER REPORT

A LESSON FOR POLICE & COMMUNITIES - HOW NOT TO ACT IN AN EMERGENCY

By Dennis R. Young February 22, 2015

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COMMENTARY #1 - OPEN LETTER TO RCMP PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

WHY DIDN'T THE RCMP TELL REPORTERS THE WHOLE TRUTH IN 2013?

By Dennis R. Young -February 17, 2015

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HIGH RIVER QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW MINISTER OF DEFENCE JASON KENNEY

By Dennis R. Young MARCH 3, 2015

<https://nfa.ca/news/high-river-questions-new-minister-defence-jason-kenney>

CANADA FREE PRESS - WHO AUTHORIZED RCMP TO MAKE WARRANTLESS ENTRIES INTO HIGH RIVER HOMES DURING THE 2013 FLOOD?

Guest Column by Rick Hemmingson, J.D. October 25, 2014

<http://canadafreepress.com/index.php/article/67027>