

Airdrie, Alberta  
November 12, 2015

The Honourable Ralph Goodale  
Minister of Public Safety Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Minister Goodale:

**Re: High River Forced Entries, Illegal Entries, Unwarranted Searches & Seizures by the RCMP**

Congratulations on yet election victory in Regina-Wascana and your appointment as the Minister of Public Safety. I was so pleased to read your commitment for agencies under your direction to “appropriately respect civil rights and civil liberties.” The RCMP forced entries, illegal entry of thousands of homes and the unwarranted searches and seizures from those homes in High River, Alberta in June and July 2013 did not ‘appropriately respect civil rights and civil liberties’. The RCMP’s actions and the cover-up of the facts surrounding their actions in High River will have dangerous and deadly consequences in any future emergency evacuation in communities right across Canada.

I am writing to you today with some very serious concerns resulting from the major deficiencies in the Interim Report on the actions of the RCMP in High River, Alberta during the flood of 2013 issued on February 12, 2015 by the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP.

**POLLS OF HIGH RIVER RESIDENTS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THE PROBLEM**

- 53% of High River residents say they won't evacuate in the next emergency (August 6, 2014)
- 67% of High River residents did not agree with the RCMP Complaints Commission Report finding that entry of the 4,666 homes by the RCMP was "appropriate" (March 5, 2015)
- 54% of High River residents support a judicial inquiry (May 6, 2015)

<https://nfa.ca/news/media-release-poll-shows-half-high-river-residents-want-judicial-inquiry>

Until and unless the Final Report on High River Charter violations by the RCMP Complaints Commission answer all the unanswered questions, these poll results are unlikely to improve significantly. This will result in more residents of High River and other communities in Canada refusing evacuation orders or delaying their decision to evacuate, putting many more people at risk of serious injury and/or death and making emergency operations and response more difficult and costly in any future emergency requiring an evacuation order.

**UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IN RCMP HIGH RIVER REPORT**

I have attached the following reports documenting many of the unanswered questions that still need to be addressed in the Final Report on High River by the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP. The RCMP Complaints Commission has not responded to any of my letters or concerns.

Sincerely,

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cc The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister  
The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
The Honourable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Minister of Defense

**COLUMNS, COMMENTARIES PUBLISHED AND LETTERS SENT  
AFTER RELEASE OF THE RCMP'S HIGH RIVER INTERIM REPORT**

**WHY DIDN'T THE RCMP TELL REPORTERS THE WHOLE TRUTH IN HIGH RIVER?**

By Dennis R. Young - February 17, 2015  
[http://www.cdnsportshootingsports.org/2015/02/enews\\_20150218.html](http://www.cdnsportshootingsports.org/2015/02/enews_20150218.html)

A letter to Ian McPhail, Q.C., Chair of the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP (Commission) – the Commission that initiated a complaint and public interest investigation into the conduct of those RCMP members involved in entering private residences and seizing firearms following flooding in High River, Alberta in June and July 2013.

**RCMP 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  
<http://canadafreepress.com/index.php/article/69956#disqus>

**HIGH RIVER QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW MINISTER OF DEFENCE JASON KENNEY**

By Dennis R. Young - Wednesday, March 4, 2015  
<https://nfa.ca/sites/default/files/Minister%20of%20National%20Defence%20High%20River%20Follow-up%20-Mar%203%2C%202015.pdf>

**LONG-GUN REGISTRY DATA USED IN HIGH RIVER GUN GRAB**

By Dennis R. Young - March 9, 2015  
<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/70294>

## **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 - March 16, 2015

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/70457>

## **HIGH RIVER: 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 - March 24, 2015

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/70655>

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

By Dennis R. Young - March 31, 2015

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/70833>

## **HIGH RIVER: 137 MORE PAGES OF RCMP HANDWRITTEN NOTES RAISES 74 QUESTIONS**

By Dennis R. Young - May 12, 2015

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/71908>

## **RCMP SLAM DOORS SHUT ON HIGH RIVER ACCESS TO INFORMATION REQUESTS**

High River ATIP requests are now being "Exempted in their Entirety" by RCMP

By Dennis R. Young - June 1, 2015

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/72471>

## **ALBERTA JUSTICE MINISTER REJECTS HIGH RIVER JUDICIAL INQUIRY – SEPTEMBER 4, 2015**

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2015/09/04/alberta-justice-minister-rejects-high-river-judicial-inquiry-september-4-2015/>

## **UPDATE: HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES, UNWARRANTED SEARCHES AND SEIZURES GOVERNMENTS STILL HIDING ALL THE FACTS AND OVERLOOKING 4,666 CHARTER VIOLATIONS!**

By Dennis R. Young - September 9, 2015

<http://canadafreepress.com/article/75156>

## **THE MOUNTIES KICKED IN HOW MANY DOORS IN HIGH RIVER?**

Were there 754 forced entries or 2,210? Cost to taxpayers so far: \$2.3 million!

By Dennis R. Young – November 16, 2015

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2015/11/19/the-mounties-kicked-in-how-many-doors-in-high-river/>

NOTE: Published by Team CSSA E-NEWS – November 19, 2015

<http://cssa-cila.org/category/cssa-eneews/>

## **COLUMNS, COMMENTARIES PUBLISHED AND LETTERS SENT BEFORE RELEASE OF THE RCMP'S HIGH RIVER INTERIM REPORT**

### **What "Hard Decisions" did the RCMP make in High River, Alberta?**

By Dennis R. Young - June 6, 2014

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/63596>

### **High River, Alberta—The Cover-up Continues**

By Dennis R. Young - May 24, 2014

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/63295>

### **Pray the RCMP don't look after your town in a State of Emergency**

Everyone wants to know why the RCMP were ordered to take this action just in High River and not in any of the other thirty communities where states of emergency were declared during the flood

By Dennis R. Young - April 1, 2014

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/62108>

### **Who authorized RCMP to make warrantless entries into High River homes during the 2013 flood?**

Tyranny is like a bad cooking odour. It is always easier to smell in someone else's house

By Rick Hemmingson, J.D. - October 25, 2014

<http://canadafreepress.com/print-friendly/67027>

### **MY EIGHT LETTERS TO THE RCMP PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION**

<http://dennisyoung.ca/2015/09/06/eight-high-river-letters-sent-before-the-release-of-rcmp-interim-report/>

September 6, 2015 — These eight letters provided the Chairman for the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP with a great many leads to be investigated and questions to be answered concerning the 4,666 Charter violations in High River. His Interim Report released in February of 2015 was a great disappointment to me and many others in High River and across Canada. Let's hope his Final Report corrects these errors and omissions.