PRIVACY AND ACCESS OFFICE



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June 24, 2010

HILARY HENLEY 212-428 PORTAGE AVE WINNIPEG MB R3C 0E2

Dear Ms. Henley,

Re: Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - A-1010-00030

Thank you for your access to information request received by Saskatoon Health Region on June 11, 2010, requesting access to "provide documentation on the following: 1) The number of stabbing victims treated at Saskatoon hospitals for 2007, 2008, and 2009. 2) The number of shooting victims treated at Saskatoon hospitals for 2007, 2008, and 2009. 3) The cost of treating stabbing victims at Saskatoon hospitals for 2007, 2008, and 2009. 4) The cost of treating shooting victims at Saskatoon hospitals for 2007, 2008, and 2009."

An initial review of your request indicates that it will cost an estimated \$285.00 for processing. The fee estimate is based on *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Regulations (LA FOIP)*. A breakdown of the estimate is as follows:

| Type of Fee | Calculation of Fees | Total Amount of Fees |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Search, Retrieval and Preparation of Records | 10.5 hours x \$15.00/half hour | \$315.00 |
| LESS: | 1 hour free x \$15.00/half hour | (\$30.00) |
| Total amount of fees req | ulred to process access request | \$285.00 |

As per Section 9(4) of the Act, we are requesting a deposit equal to 50% of the estimated fee. The request will be on hold until we receive the amount of \$142.50. We will continue to process your access request once this amount is received. As we have not yet reviewed the records in detail, no final decision has been made regarding access.

Section 8(b)(ii) of the Regulations provides that all or part of the fee may be waived if the fee will cause you financial hardship and if, in the opinion of the head, dissemination of the record is in public interest. Please notify our office as soon as possible if you wish to proceed with a request for a fee waiver and provide documentation supporting your claim.

If you disagree with any aspect of the fee estimate, you may request a review by the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner 503 -1801 Hamilton Street Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 4B4

Telephone: (306) 787-8350

Toll Free Telephone (within Saskatchewan): 1-877-748-2298

Facsimile: (306) 798-1603

Please note that we will close your file after 30 days if we do not receive a response.

If you have any questions or wish to revise your request, please contact our office at 655-3327.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bobbylynn Stewart Privacy Officer

BS/pw Enclosures

- (4) Where an application is made with respect to a record that is exempt from access pursuant to this Act, the head may refuse to confirm or deny that the record exists or ever did exist.
- (5) A head who fails to give notice pursuant to subsection (2) is deemed to have given notice, on the last day of the period set out in that subsection, of a decision to refuse to give access to the record.

1990-91, c.L-27.1, s.7.

Severability

8 Where a record contains information to which an applicant is refused access, the head shall give access to as much of the record as can reasonably be severed without disclosing the information to which the applicant is refused access.

1990-91, c.L-27.1, s.8.

Fee

- 9(1) An applicant who is given notice pursuant to clause 7(2)(a) is entitled to obtain access to the record on payment of the prescribed fee.
- (2) Where the amount of fees to be paid by an applicant for access to records is greater than a prescribed amount, the head shall give the applicant a reasonable estimate of the amount, and the applicant shall not be required to pay an amount greater than the estimated amount.
- (3) Where an estimate is provided pursuant to subsection (2), the time within which the head is required to give written notice to the applicant pursuant to subsection 7(2) is suspended until the applicant notifies the head that the applicant wishes to proceed with the application.
- (4) Where an estimate is provided pursuant to subsection (2), the head may require the applicant to pay a deposit of an amount that does not exceed one-half of the estimated amount before a search is commenced for the records for which access is sought.
- (5) Where a prescribed circumstance exists, the head may waive payment of all or any part of the prescribed fee.

1990-91, c.L-27.1, s.9.

Manner of access

- 10(1) Where an applicant is entitled to access pursuant to subsection 9(1), the head shall provide the applicant with access to the record in accordance with this section.
- (2) A head may give access to a record:
 - (a) by providing the applicant with a copy of the record; or
 - (b) where it is not reasonable to reproduce the record, by giving the applicant an opportunity to examine the record.
- (3) A head may give access to a record that is a microfilm, film, sound recording, machine-readable record or other record of information stored by electronic means:
 - (a) by permitting the applicant to examine a transcript of the record;

Estimate

- 6(1) For the purposes of subsection 9(2) of the Act, the amount of fees beyond which an estimate must be given by the head is \$50 in excess of the fee set out in subsection 5(1).
- (2) Where the amount of an estimate exceeds the actual amount of fees determined pursuant to this Act, the actual amount of fees is the amount payable by the applicant.

16 Jly 93 cL-27.1 Reg 1 s6.

Fees where access refused

- 7(1) No fees are payable pursuant to subsections 5(2) to 5(4) where access to a record is refused.
- (2) Where a deposit has been paid pursuant to subsection 9(4) of the Act and access to the record requested is refused, the amount of the deposit in excess of the fee set out in sub-section 5(1) is to be refunded to the applicant.

16 Jly 93 cL-27.1 Reg 1 s7.

Waiver of fees

- 8 For the purposes of subsection 9(5) of the Act, the following circumstances are prescribed as circumstances in which a head may waive payment of fees:
 - (a) with respect to the fee set out in subsection 5(1), where the application involves the personal information of the applicant;
 - (b) with respect to the fees set out in subsections 5(2) to 5(4):
 - (i) where the actual cost of responding to an application varies from the total of the prescribed fees that are applicable to the application;
 - (ii) where payment of the prescribed fees will cause a substantial financial hardship for the applicant and:
 - (A) in the opinion of the head, giving access to the record is in the public interest; or
 - (B) the application involves the personal information of the applicant.

16 Jly 93 cL-27.1 Reg 1 s8.

Confidentiality provisions in other enactments

- 8.1 For the purposes of clause 22(3)(a.1) of the Act, the following are prescribed as provisions to which subsection 22(1) of the Act does not apply:
 - (a) subsections 171(5) and (6) and sections 201 and 202 of The Cities Act;
 - (b) section 38 of The Mental Health Services Act;
 - (c) subsections 201(5) and (6) and sections 231 and 232 of *The Municipalities Act*;
 - (d) subsections 196(5) and (6) and sections 205.2 and 205.22 of $\it The\ Northern\ Municipalities\ Act.$

27 Oct 2006 SR 98/2006 s2.