



CITY OF ST. ALBERT
ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

TITLE: SCW VIDEO – RESPONSE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ALBERTA

BACKGROUND:

At the June 7, 2016 Council meeting, Council passed the following motion:

“That the matter of the censored video from the March 14, 2016 meeting of the Standing Committee of the Whole be referred to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner by the City Manager to obtain an opinion on whether Administration’s redaction of the video is consistent with their interpretation of the FOIP Act.”

A letter was sent to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) requesting their opinion on this matter. At approximately the same time the City reported a breach of privacy concerning four individuals who had applied for employment with the City and whose personal information was inadvertently released.

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has now responded to both the privacy breach and the inquiry from Council about this matter.

The response to Council’s request for an opinion on whether Administration’s redaction of the video is consistent with their interpretation of the FOIP Act was to reference the response to our office about the privacy breach.

The response from the OIPC’s office on the breach of privacy is as follows:

“I reviewed the steps taken by the Public Body. The following are my comments:

I have reviewed your report form submitted to this Office, and in my opinion, you acted quickly to address the incident, as well this privacy breach appears to be the result of human error. I make no further recommendations regarding this breach.”

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