

Ministry of Community
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December 6, 2012

Mr. Chris Carter
60 Barthe Street
Chatham, Ontario
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Re: Request CYS2012/0051

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am writing in response to your access request made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). You requested access to the following information:

A listing or index of any and all records in regards to the Child Welfare Secretariat's (CWS) charter and/or mandate.

Alternatively, if such a listing does not exist, I'll accept the actual CWS's charter and/or mandate documents themselves.

If these are separate documents please notify me asap so that I may make the necessary adjustments.

For the first portion of your request, the ministry has determined access cannot be provided as the records do not exist. According to the Child Welfare Secretariat, there is no listing or index of records concerning a charter and/or mandate.

For the second portion of your request, the ministry has determined access cannot be provided as the records do not exist. According to the Secretariat, there are no documents pertaining to a charter and/or mandate. However, the Secretariat is able to confirm that it is responsible for the policies, legislation and programs supporting Ontario's child protection services. It works with Ontario's 47 children's aid societies and community partners to make the child protection system responsive to the needs of children, youth and their families receiving care.

You may request that this decision be reviewed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. The Commissioner can be reached at:

Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario
1400 – 2 Bloor Street East
Toronto ON M4W 1A8
(416) 326-3333

If you decide to appeal a decision to the Commissioner, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

- 1) the request number assigned to the request;
- 2) a copy of this decision letter; and
- 3) a copy of the original request you sent to this ministry.

Appeals to the Commissioner must also be accompanied by the appropriate fee. The fee is \$25.00 if you are appealing a request for access to a general record or \$10.00 for access to personal information.

You have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request a review from the Commissioner.

Please contact Jeffrey Jenkins, Policy Analyst, at (416) 327-8262, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Cate Parker
Manager

Wednesday December 12, 2012

Hello MCYS.

Chris Carter here.

In this communication I'm filing five separate freedom of information (foi) requests:

foi #1 ck#037:

A listing and/or schedule of any and all records in the possession of the MCYS in regards to the establishment of the Child Welfare Secretariat (CWS), including but not limited to records of any internal MCYS meetings and/or discussions in regards to the establishment of the MCYS.

foi #2 context:

In her December 6, 2012 response to me re: "Request CYS2012/0051" the MCYS foi manager Ms. Cate Parker wrote about the foi request I had previously submitted for the CWS's charter and/or mandate documents (verbatim): "According to the Secretariat, there are no documents pertaining to a charter and/or mandate. However, the Secretariat is able to confirm that it is responsible for the policies, legislation and programs supporting Ontario's child protection services. It works with Ontario's 47 children's aid societies and community partners to make the child protection system responsive to the needs of children, youth and their families receiving care."

foi #2 ck#038:

A listing of each and every person who has ever been a member of and/or worked with the CWS and the dates which they were and did.

foi #3 ck#039:

A listing of any and all internal CWS's documents such as rules, policy and procedures, guidelines, etc...

foi #4 ck#040:

A listing of any and all "policies, legislation and programs supporting Ontario's child protection services" which the CWS is "responsible for."

foi #5 ck#041:

A listing of any and all records, including but not limited to a listing of any and all "community partners," in regards to the CWS working "with Ontario's 47 children's aid societies and community partners to make the child protection system responsive to the needs of the children, youth and their families receiving care."

Specifically I want a listing of any records of how the CWS has ever identified, made determinations or came to any conclusions about the "needs of the children, youth and their families receiving care."



Chris Carter