



Canadian
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ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation

Annual Report to Parliament

April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) is pleased to present its Annual Report to Parliament, in accordance with section 94 of the *Access to Information Act* (the Act). The report describes the activities that support compliance with the Act for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021.

THE PURPOSE OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

The purpose of the *Access to Information Act* is to provide a limited right of access to information contained in records under the control of most government institutions and certain other organizations created by Parliament, such as Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF). The information is subject to certain limited and specific exceptions. The Act is based upon the principles that the public should have a right of access to information about government activities, that exceptions to this right should be limited and specific, and that decisions about access should be subject to independent review. The Act is intended to complement, not replace, established channels of communication.

In accordance with Section 72 of the *Access to Information Act*, this Annual Report on the administration of the *Access to Information Act* at the CRRF describes how the CRRF discharged its responsibilities in relation to the Act in the fiscal year 2020-2021.

MANDATE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CRRF

The CRRF was established as part of the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement of 1988. *The Canadian Race Relations Foundation Act* was passed in 1990 and proclaimed in 1996 "...to facilitate throughout Canada the development, sharing and application of knowledge and expertise in order to contribute to the elimination of racism and all forms of racial discrimination in Canadian society..." The CRRF opened its doors in November 1997. A Crown Corporation, one of the portfolio agencies of the Department of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Canada, the CRRF operates at arm's length from the Government of Canada. The CRRF also has registered charitable status. Its operating income is derived primarily from the income generated by the investment of the endowment fund.

The CRRF is a leading and authoritative national voice and agent of change for the elimination of all forms of racism, and the promotion of a more harmonious Canada. The CRRF is a leader in the development of a national framework for eliminating all forms of racism and helping to strengthen Canadian identity as it refers, for example, to the principles of equality of opportunity, fairness, justice and human dignity. The CRRF will advance understanding of the past and present causes and manifestations of racism, and work toward its elimination through the promotion of effective and harmonious race and ethnic relations, civic responsibility, research, supporting and promoting the development of national policies, and the establishment of information databases.

The CRRF has no formal mandate or the power to investigate complaints and impose sanctions, but may make recommendations to policymakers on the elimination of racism.

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The information under *Access to Information Act* can also be requested on line from ATIP Online Request Service, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat / Government of Canada, with the following link: atip-web-aiprp@tbs-sct.gc.ca

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The CRRF's direction is vested in a Board of Directors consisting of a chairperson and up to 11 other members appointed by the government from various regions of Canada. During the fiscal year 2020-2021, there were eleven (11) members. This list of the Board is posted on the CRRF website.

An Executive Director, an ex-officio member of the Board, manages the CRRF's daily operations.

DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE

The Director of Finance and Administration assumes the responsibility to respond to ATI requests.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PRIVACY

It should be noted that the staff complement of the CRRF during the period under review was six (6), both full-time, in addition to the Executive Director.

STATEMENT OF DELEGATION ORDER

A Delegation Order has been granted under the Act with respect to the administration of access to information requests, without the need to create a separate department to respond (For more information on the delegation of powers, see Appendix A). The person responsible for administering these applications is the Director of Finance and Administration.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE STATISTICAL REPORTS

During the 2020-2021 reporting period, the CRRF received two requests under the *Access to Information Act* from media that were carried forward to the next reporting period. CRRF had no request since 2016/17 fiscal year.

During the 2020-2021 reporting period, the CRRF received one consultation request from other Government of Canada institutions which response was provided within 30 days in the reporting period.

There was no any impact of COVID-19-related measures on our ability to fulfill our *Access to Information Act responsibilities* and any mitigation measures that were implemented.

Please see Appendix B: Report on the *Access to Information Act* (TBS / TBS 350-62) and Statistical Report on Discrepancies.

NUMBER OF REQUESTS RECEIVED

The table below shows the annual volume of the request under the *Access to Information Act*.

Formal requests and consultation form other Government of Canada institutions by fiscal year				
Fiscal Year	Formal Requests Received	Formal Requests Completed	Formal Requests Carried Forward to the next Reporting Period	Consultation Completed for Other Government of Canada Institutions Within 30 Days
2020-21	2	0	2	1
2019-20	0	0	0	0
2018-19	0	0	0	0
2017-18	0	0	0	1
2016-17	2	2	0	0
2015-16	2	2	0	0
2014-15	0	0	0	0
2013-14	0	0	0	0
2012-13	0	0	0	0

INTERPRETATION OF THE STATISTICAL REPORT

The CRRF received two requests under *the Access to Information Act* and one consultation completed for other Government of Canada institutions during the 2020-2021 reporting period. The two requests were closed on time in the next reporting period, 2021-2022.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS

No formal training was undertaken during the reporting period.

SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

During the period covered by this report, Mohammed Hashim has been appointed to the Executive Director position after a thorough search and interview process by the Government of Canada.

OVERVIEW OF NEW AND/OR REVISED INSTITUTIONAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

No changes to report

POLICY FOR MONITORING TIME OF PROCESS

CRRF did not implement any new or revised specific policies, guidelines, and procedures related to access to information during the reporting period.

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR CHANGES

Beginning on March 17, 2020, the large majority of the CRRF activity moved offsite to teleworking as part of anti COVID-19 measures.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION COMPLAINTS, AUDITS, ETC.

No complaints were received, and no audits or investigations concluded during the reporting period.

MONITORING THE TIME TO PROCESS ACCESS TO INFORMATION REQUESTS

No monitoring was conducted during the reporting period.

APPEALS TO FEDERAL COURT/ FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL

Nothing to report

APPENDIX A

CANADIAN RACE RELATIONS FOUNDATION Delegation Order under the *Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act*

Pursuant to sections 73 of the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*, I hereby delegate my powers, duties, and functions to the persons who hold the positions set out in the Schedule hereto, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that the persons to whom my powers, duties, or functions are delegated are bound in the exercise of those powers, duties, or functions by the jurisdictional, legislative, and administrative limitations to which I am subject;
- (b) that the powers, duties, or functions delegated to any person may also be exercised by another person who holds the person's position in an acting capacity to which he or she has been duly appointed;
- (c) that notwithstanding the Delegation Order of my powers, duties, or functions, I may exercise at any time any of the powers, duties, or functions delegated.

This Delegation Order is effective on and from the date shown below and shall remain in effect until revoked. I may revoke or amend this Delegation Order at any time. This Delegation Order supersedes all previous Delegation Orders.

Schedule		
Position	<i>Access to Information Act</i> and Regulations	<i>Privacy Act</i> and Regulations
Director, Finance and Administration	Full authority	Full authority

Dated at the City of Toronto, this 9 day of July 2021



Mohammed Hashim Executive Director - Canadian Race Relations Foundation

APPENDIX B



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Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act*

Name of institution: Canadian Race Relations Foundation

Reporting period: 2020-04-01 to 2021-03-31

Section 1: Requests Under the *Access to Information Act*

1.1 Number of requests

	Number of Requests
Received during reporting period	2
Outstanding from previous reporting period	0
Total	2
Closed during reporting period	0
Carried over to next reporting period	2

1.2 Sources of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Media	2
Academia	0
Business (private sector)	0
Organization	0
Public	0
Decline to Identify	0
Total	2

1.3 Informal requests

Completion Time							
1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: All requests previously recorded as “treated informally” will now be accounted for in this section only.

3.2 Exemptions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
13(1)(a)	0	16(2)	0	18(a)	0	20.1	0
13(1)(b)	0	16(2)(a)	0	18(b)	0	20.2	0
13(1)(c)	0	16(2)(b)	0	18(c)	0	20.4	0
13(1)(d)	0	16(2)(c)	0	18(d)	0	21(1)(a)	0
13(1)(e)	0	16(3)	0	18.1(1)(a)	0	21(1)(b)	0
14	0	16.1(1)(a)	0	18.1(1)(b)	0	21(1)(c)	0
14(a)	0	16.1(1)(b)	0	18.1(1)(c)	0	21(1)(d)	0
14(b)	0	16.1(1)(c)	0	18.1(1)(d)	0	22	0
15(1)	0	16.1(1)(d)	0	19(1)	0	22.1(1)	0
15(1) - I.A.*	0	16.2(1)	0	20(1)(a)	0	23	0
15(1) - Def.*	0	16.3	0	20(1)(b)	0	23.1	0
15(1) - S.A.*	0	16.31	0	20(1)(b.1)	0	24(1)	0
16(1)(a)(i)	0	16.4(1)(a)	0	20(1)(c)	0	26	0
16(1)(a)(ii)	0	16.4(1)(b)	0	20(1)(d)	0		
16(1)(a)(iii)	0	16.5	0				
16(1)(b)	0	16.6	0				
16(1)(c)	0	17	0				
16(1)(d)	0						

* I.A.: International Affairs Def.: Defence of Canada S.A.: Subversive Activities

3.3 Exclusions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
68(a)	0	69(1)	0	69(1)(g) re (a)	0
68(b)	0	69(1)(a)	0	69(1)(g) re (b)	0
68(c)	0	69(1)(b)	0	69(1)(g) re (c)	0
68.1	0	69(1)(c)	0	69(1)(g) re (d)	0
68.2(a)	0	69(1)(d)	0	69(1)(g) re (e)	0
68.2(b)	0	69(1)(e)	0	69(1)(g) re (f)	0
		69(1)(f)	0	69.1(1)	0

3.4 Format of information released

Paper	Electronic	Other
0	0	0

3.5 Complexity

3.5.1 Relevant pages processed and disclosed

Number of Pages Processed	Number of Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests
0	0	0

3.5.2 Relevant pages processed and disclosed by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 100 Pages Processed		101-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3.5.3 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Assessment of Fees	Legal Advice Sought	Other	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

3.6 Closed requests

3.6.1 Number of requests closed within legislated timelines

	Requests closed within legislated timelines
Number of requests closed within legislated timelines	0
Percentage of requests closed within legislated timelines (%)	0

3.7 Deemed refusals

3.7.1 Reasons for not meeting legislated timelines

Number of Requests Closed Past the Legislated Timelines	Principal Reason			
	Interference with Operations / Workload	External Consultation	Internal Consultation	Other
0	0	0	0	0

3.7.2 Requests closed beyond legislated timelines (including any extension taken)

Number of Days Past Legislated Timelines	Number of Requests Past Legislated Timeline Where No Extension Was Taken	Number of Requests Past Legislated Timeline Where an Extension Was Taken	Total
1 to 15 days	0	0	0
16 to 30 days	0	0	0
31 to 60 days	0	0	0
61 to 120 days	0	0	0
121 to 180 days	0	0	0
181 to 365 days	0	0	0
More than 365 days	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

3.8 Requests for translation

Translation Requests	Accepted	Refused	Total
English to French	0	0	0
French to English	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Section 4: Extensions

4.1 Reasons for extensions and disposition of requests

Disposition of Requests Where an Extension Was Taken	9(1)(a) Interference With Operations	9(1)(b) Consultation		9(1)(c) Third-Party Notice
		Section 69	Other	
All disclosed	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0
No records exist	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0
Decline to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

4.2 Length of extensions

Length of Extensions	9(1)(a) Interference With Operations	9(1)(b) Consultation		9(1)(c) Third-Party Notice
		Section 69	Other	
30 days or less	0	0	0	0
31 to 60 days	0	0	0	0
61 to 120 days	0	0	0	0
121 to 180 days	0	0	0	0
181 to 365 days	0	0	0	0
365 days or more	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Section 5: Fees

Fee Type	Fee Collected		Fee Waived or Refunded	
	Requests	Amount	Requests	Amount
Application	2	\$10	0	\$0
Other fees	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total	2	\$10	0	\$0

Section 7: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

7.1 Requests with Legal Services

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		101-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Request	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		101-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Request	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 8: Complaints and investigations

Section 32 Notice of intention to investigate	Subsection 30(5) Ceased to investigate	Section 35 Formal representations	Section 37 Reports of finding received	Section 37 Reports of finding containing recommendations issued by the Information Commissioner	Section 37 Reports of finding containing orders issued by the Information Commissioner
0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 9: Court Action

9.1 Court actions on complaints received before June 21, 2019 and on-going

Section 41 (before June 21, 2019)	Section 42	Section 44
0	0	0

9.2 Court actions on complaints received after June 21, 2019

Section 41 (after June 21, 2019)				
Complainant (1)	Institution (2)	Third Party (3)	Privacy Commissioner (4)	Total
0	0	0	0	0

Section 10: Resources Related to the Access to Information Act

10.1 Costs

Expenditures		Amount
Salaries		\$1,500
Overtime		\$0
Goods and Services		\$0
• Professional services contracts	\$0	
• Other	\$0	
Total		\$1,500

10.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Access to Information Activities
Full-time employees	0.015
Part-time and casual employees	0.000
Regional staff	0.000
Consultants and agency personnel	0.000
Students	0.000
Total	0.015

Note: Enter values to three decimal places.