

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE ANNUAL REPORT

ADMINISTRATION OF THE *ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT*

April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023

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President and CEO

**ANNUAL REPORT
ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT
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1. INTRODUCTION

The *Access to Information Act* gives Canadian citizens the right to access information contained in records under the control of federal institutions governed by the Act. This right is subject to exceptions specified in the Act. Also, decisions made by federal institutions on the disclosure of government information are subject to independent review by the Access to Information Commissioner of Canada as well as by the Federal Court.

The Canadian Museum of Nature's (CMN) *Access to Information Act* Annual Report has been prepared and will be tabled in Parliament according to section 94 of the *Access to Information Act*.

The Canadian Museum of Nature (CMN), a Schedule III Crown Corporation, was established in 1990 by the *Museums Act* and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Canadian Heritage. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Corporation. The President and Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Corporation.

The mandate of the Canadian Museum of Nature, as embodied in the *Museums Act* (1990), is:

“To increase, throughout Canada and internationally, interest in, knowledge of and appreciation and respect for the natural world by establishing, maintaining and developing for research and posterity, a collection of natural history objects, with special but not exclusive reference to Canada, and by demonstrating the natural world, the knowledge derived from it and the understanding it represents.”

The CMN's major programs and activities include:

Public Education:

The Museum develops and maintains exhibitions, programs, the nature.ca website, electronic and print publications, and activities to foster an understanding of, and respect for, nature.

Collections Management:

The Museum develops, preserve, and makes accessible collections of natural history specimens, objects, and information to meet the growing needs of the public and private sectors for research, education and informed decision-making about the natural world.

Research:

The Museum studies the past and helps Canadians prepare for the future by conducting systematics research and applied research, and by developing and maintaining networks and linkages with Canadian and international science communities.

Internal Services:

The Museum develops and implements policies, processes and an accountability structure to oversee the fulfillment of its mandate, including governance, strategic direction, corporate services, monitoring of corporate performance, reporting to Parliament and revenue-generating activities.

Accommodation:

The Museum provides secure and functional facilities that meet all safety and building-code requirements. Among these facilities is the renovated Victoria Memorial Museum Building that furthers the vision and mandate of the Museum.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The President of the Canadian Museum of Nature, as designated head (President) of the Museum under the *Access to Information Act*, personally exercises the powers entrusted to the position by the *Act*. The President has delegated power for specific sections of the *Act* to the Vice President, Corporate Services and to the Access to Information and Privacy Co-ordinator.

3. DELEGATION ORDER

The Canadian Museum of Nature's Access to Information Delegation Order is attached as Appendix A.

4. PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

The Museum generally receives a small number of access to Information requests. Given the Museum's mandate to educate Canadians and disseminate knowledge, a considerable amount of information is provided to the public on a daily basis, be it through public displays, printed material, inquiry lines, the Museum's Web site or other media. Statistics on the distribution of this material are provided in the Museum's Corporate Plan and other documents but are not part of this Annual Report.

During the 2022-2023 reporting period, the Museum received two (2) formal access to information requests and one (1) informal request.

- Number of requests responded to within legislated timelines: 0
- Number of requests, broken down by completion times:
 - Within 1-15 days: 0
 - Within 16-30 days: 0
 - Within 31-60 days: 2
 - Percentage of requests for which records were "all disclosed": 0
 - percentage for which records were "disclosed in part": 1

A copy of the Statistical Report on the Administration of the *Access to Information Act* 2022-2023 is attached as Appendix B.

Below is a table indicating the number of requests received, completed, and carried over in the previous 3 years:

YEAR	# REQUESTS	COMPLETED	CARRIED OVER
2022-23	2	2	0
2021-22	2	2	0
2020-21	0	n/a	0

5. TRAINING AND AWARENESS

The CMN's *Records and Information Management Policy* defines the roles and the responsibilities of Museum employees regarding records management and the implementation of the *Access to Information Act*. The Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator provided periodic one-on-one and advice and guidance as required, to CMN staff and Senior Management on Access to Information.

We did not conduct awareness sessions in 2022-23. We now have an agreement with the Canadian School of Public Service which will require staff to attend annual training requirements for the 2023-24 fiscal year .

6. POLICIES, GUIDELINES, PRODECURES AND INITIATIVES

No changes were made to the Canadian Museum of Nature's Access to Information related policies, guidelines, prodecures or initiatives.

7. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES AND ACTIONS TAKEN ON COMPLAINTS

As of March 31, 2023, the Canadian Museum of Nature had no complaints against it under the *Access to Information Act*.

8. MONITORING COMPLIANCE

During the reporting period, regular briefings wee provided to the President and CEO and the VP, Corporate Services on the status of the requests that require extensions. This included a weekly review of the material being reviewed with the VP, Corporate Services and status of expected completion.

APPENDIX A

Canadian Museum of Nature

Access to Information Delegation Order

**CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT
DELEGATION ORDER**

SECTIONS OF ACT	POWERS, DUTIES OR FUNCTIONS	RESPONSIBLE POSITION
73,77	All powers, duties or functions of the Head of the Institution	President
7 (a)	Notice where access required	ATIP Co-ordinator
8 (1)	Transfer to-from institution	ATIP Co-ordinator
9	Extension of time limits	V.P. Corporate Services
11 (2)(3)(4)(6)	Payment or waiver of fees	V.P. Corporate Services
11 (5)	Notice of fees assessed	ATIP Co-ordinator
12 (2)(3)	Language – alternate format of access	V.P. Corporate Services
13 through 24	Apply exemptions	ATIP Co-ordinator
25	Severance	ATIP Co-ordinator
26	Information to be published	V.P. Corporate Services
27 (1)(4)	Third party notification	ATIP Co-ordinator
28 (1)(2)(4)	Apply third party procedures	ATIP Co-ordinator
29 (1)	Disclosure on recommendations of Information Commissioner	V.P. Corporate Services
33	Advise Information Commissioner of third party involvement	ATIP Co-ordinator
35 (2)	Right to make representations	V.P. Corporate Services
37 (4)	Access to be given to complainant	V.P. Corporate Services
43 (1)	Notice to third party (application to Federal Court for review)	V.P. Corporate Services
44 (2)	Notice to applicant (application to Federal Court by third party)	V.P. Corporate Services
52 (2)(3)	Special rule for hearings	V.P. Corporate Services
69	Excluded information	ATIP Co-ordinator
71 (2)	Exempt information severed from manuals	ATIP Co-ordinator
72	Prepare annual report	ATIP Co-ordinator

May 29, 2023

Dr. Danika Goosney, President, and CEO

Date

APPENDIX B

Canadian Museum of Nature

Statistical Report of the *Access to Information Act*



Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act*

Name of institution: Canadian Museum of Nature

Reporting period: 2022-04-01 to 2023-03-31

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 periods		0
• Outstanding from previous reporting period	0	
• Outstanding from more than one reporting period	0	
Total		2
Closed during reporting period		2
Carried over to next reporting period		0
• Carried over within legislated timeline	0	
• Carried over beyond legislated timeline	0	

1.2 Sources of requests

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

1.3 Channels of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Online	2
E-mail	0
Mail	0
In person	0
Phone	0
Fax	0
Total	2

Section 2: Informal Requests

2.1 Number of informal requests

		Number of Requests
Received during reporting period		1
Outstanding from previous reporting periods		0
• Outstanding from previous reporting period	0	

2.5 Pages re-released informally

Less Than 100 Pages Re-released		100-500 Pages Re-released		501-1000 Pages Re-released		1001-5000 Pages Re-released		More Than 5000 Pages Re-released	
Number of Requests	Pages Re-released	Number of Requests	Pages Re-released	Number of Requests	Pages Re-released	Number of Requests	Pages Re-released	Number of Requests	Pages Re-released
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 3: Applications to the Information Commissioner on Declining to Act on Requests

	Number of Requests
Outstanding from previous reporting period	0
Sent during reporting period	0
Total	0
Approved by the Information Commissioner during reporting period	0
Declined by the Information Commissioner during reporting period	0
Withdrawn during reporting period	0
Carried over to next reporting period	0

Section 4: Requests Closed During the Reporting Period

4.1 Disposition and completion time

Disposition of Requests	Completion Time							Total
	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	
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No records exist	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Request transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	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
Total	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2

4.2 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)	1	20.1	0
13(1)(b)	0	16(2)(a)	0	18(b)	1	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)	1	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)	1	23.1	0
15(1) - S.A.*	0	16.4(1)(a)	0	20(1)(b.1)	0	24(1)	0
16(1)(a)(i)	0	16.4(1)(b)	0	20(1)(c)	0	26	0
16(1)(a)(ii)	0	16.5	0	20(1)(d)	0		
16(1)(a)(iii)	0	16.6	0				
16(1)(b)	0	17	0				
16(1)(c)	0						
16(1)(d)	0						

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

4.3 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

4.4 Format of information released

Paper	Electronic				Other
	E-record	Data set	Video	Audio	
0	1	0	0	0	0

4.5 Complexity

4.5.1 Relevant pages processed and disclosed for paper and e-record formats

Number of Pages Processed	Number of Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests
293	98	1

4.5.2 Relevant pages processed per request disposition for paper and e-record formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 100 Pages Processed		100-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	1	293	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	1	293	0	0	0	0	0	0

4.5.3 Relevant minutes processed and disclosed for audio formats

Number of Minutes Processed	Number of Minutes Disclosed	Number of Requests
0	0	0

4.5.4 Relevant minutes processed per request disposition for audio formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 60 Minutes Processed		60 - 120 Minutes Processed		More than 120 Minutes Processed	
	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

4.5.5 Relevant minutes processed and disclosed for video formats

Number of Minutes Processed	Number of Minutes Disclosed	Number of Requests
0	0	0

4.5.6 Relevant minutes processed per request disposition for video formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 60 Minutes Processed		60 - 120 Minutes Processed		More than 120 Minutes Processed	
	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

4.5.7 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Legal Advice Sought	Other	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	1	0	0	1
All exempted	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	1

4.6 Closed requests

4.6.1 Requests closed within legislated timelines

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

4.7 Deemed refusals

4.7.1 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
2	0	1	1	0

4.7.2 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	1	1	2
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	1	1	2

4.8 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 5: Extensions

5.1 Reasons for extensions and disposition of requests

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

5.2 Length of extensions

Length of Extensions	9(1)(a) Interference With Operations/ Workload	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	1	0	1	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	1	0	1	0

Section 6: Fees

Fee Type	Fee Collected		Fee Waived		Fee Refunded	
	Number of Requests	Amount	Number of Requests	Amount	Number of Requests	Amount
Application	2	\$10.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Other fees	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Total	2	\$10.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00

Section 8: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

8.1 Requests with Legal Services

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		100-500 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
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

8.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		100-500 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
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 9: Investigations and Reports of finding

9.1 Investigations

Section 32 Notice of intention to investigate	Subsection 30(5) Ceased to investigate	Section 35 Formal Representations
0	0	0

9.2 Investigations and Reports of finding

Section 37(1) Initial Reports			Section 37(2) Final Reports		
Received	Containing recommendations issued by the Information Commissioner	Containing orders issued by the Information Commissioner	Received	Containing recommendations issued by the Information Commissioner	Containing orders issued by the Information Commissioner
0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 10: Court Action

10.1 Court actions on complaints

Section 41				
Complainant (1)	Institution (2)	Third Party (3)	Privacy Commissioner (4)	Total
0	0	0	0	0

10.2 Court actions on third party notifications under paragraph 28(1)(b)

Section 44 - under paragraph 28(1)(b)
0

Section 11: Resources Related to the Access to Information Act

11.1 Allocated Costs

Expenditures		Amount
Salaries		\$1,800
Overtime		\$0
Goods and Services		\$5,650
• Professional services contracts	\$5,650	
• Other	\$0	
Total		\$7,450

11.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Access to Information Activities
Full-time employees	0.020
Part-time and casual employees	0.000
Regional staff	0.000
Consultants and agency personnel	0.003
Students	0.000
Total	0.023

Note: Enter values to three decimal places.