

Canadian Museum of
Immigration at Pier 21



Musée canadien de
l'immigration du Quai 21

Access to Information Act

Annual Report 2020-21



Canada 

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Annual Report on the Administration of the

Access to Information Act

April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

1. Introduction

The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 (the Museum) is pleased to provide its annual report on the administration of the *Access to Information Act* (the Act) for the fiscal year 2020-2021 as required under section 94 of the Act. In accordance with the Act, this report is tabled in Parliament.

The *Access to Information Act* is based on the following principles:

- Government information should be made available to Canadians and permanent residents of Canada;
- Exceptions to the right of access should be limited and specific, and;
- Decisions on the disclosure of government information should be reviewed independently of government.

Mandate

On November 25, 2010, the legislation creating the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 came into effect. Under the *Museums Act*, the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 is a distinct legal entity, wholly-owned by the Crown. It operates at arm's length from the Government in its day-to-day operations and in its activities and programming.

Situated at Pier 21, a National Historic Site at the Port of Halifax, the Government established the Museum as a Crown corporation within the Canadian Heritage portfolio. It is one of only two national museums to be created in a generation and the second to be located outside of the National Capital Region.

The amendments to the *Museums Act* established the Museum's mandate as follows:

The purpose of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 is to explore the theme of immigration to Canada in order to enhance public understanding of the experiences of immigrants as they arrived in Canada, of the vital role immigration has played in the building of Canada and of the contributions of immigrants to Canada's culture, economy and way of life.

The Museum's public policy role is expressed in the preamble of the *Act*, which states each national museum:

- a) *"plays an essential role, individually and together with other museums and like institutions, in preserving and promoting the heritage of Canada and all its peoples throughout Canada and abroad, and in contributing to the collective memory and sense of identity of all Canadians;"* and
- b) *"is a source of inspiration, research, learning and entertainment that belongs to all Canadians and provides, in both official languages, a service that is essential to Canadian culture and available to all."*

2. Organizational Structure

The Museum is presided over by a Board of Trustees currently consisting of eleven members from across Canada and appointed by the Minister with the approval of the Governor in Council. The first Director of the Museum, who is the Chief Executive Officer, was appointed on October 20, 2011, and is responsible for the operation and administration of the Corporation.

In 2012-13, the Corporate Secretary assumed responsibility as the Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator. The Museum does not have any other staff working in this area.

The Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator is responsible for administering the *Access to Information Act* within the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, with a mandate to act on behalf of the Director and CEO in ensuring compliance with legislation, regulations and government policy and to create directives and standards in all matters relating to the *Act*. This includes the processing of access requests and providing professional advice and training.

The Museum does not have any service agreements per section 96 of the *Act*.

3. Delegation Order

Pursuant to Section 95 (1) of the *Access to Information Act*, the Museum has delegated authority to the Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator to exercise or perform all powers, duties and functions of the CEO and Director under the *Act* insofar as they may be exercised or performed in relation to the Museum. The delegation order is attached as Appendix A.

4. Performance in 2020-21

Details on performance in the 2019-20 fiscal year can be found in the Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act* and the Supplemental Statistical Report on the Impact of COVID-19 measures, attached as Appendix B.

In summary:

- The Museum did not receive any requests under the *Access to Information Act* during the reporting period
- There were no outstanding requests from previous reporting periods.
- During the reporting period, the Museum received no requests for consultation.
- The number of requests and requests for consultation are consistent with prior years, as outlined in table 1 below.
- There were no previously released access to information packages released informally.

Table 1: *Access to Information Act* Request History

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Formal requests	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Requests for consultation	0	0	3	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	0

- COVID-19 has not impacted the Museum's fulfillment of its *Access to Information Act* responsibilities as no requests were received while the Museum and its offices were closed. The Museum can receive requests electronically through the ATIP online request service (AORS), remotely or onsite. Depending on the nature of the request, the Museum's ability to fulfill future requests may be impacted if COVID-19 necessitates another closure of the Museum offices.

5. Training and Awareness

There were no formal training sessions on the *Access to Information and Privacy Acts* during the reporting period. Over 85% of employees have received training and new employees are informed of their obligations during orientation. Additional training and guidance is provided to individuals and/or teams as required based on their needs and responsibilities.

6. Policies, Guidelines, Procedures and Initiatives

No new Museum-specific policies, guidelines, procedures or initiatives were developed in 2020-21. The Museum follows Treasury Board policies and directives.

7. Summary of Key Issues and Actions Taken on Complaints or Audits

There were no Access to Information complaints received in 2020-21. There were no audits or investigations concluded during this reporting period.

8. Monitoring Compliance

Due to the low volume, the Museum does not have a formal system to monitor the time to process access to information requests. The Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator ensures requests are processed within the 30-day time period. In the event of a delay or extension, the CEO is notified and updated on the status of the request.

Appendix A – Delegation Order

Delegation Order / Arrêté de délégation

The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, pursuant to section 95 (1) of the *Access to Information Act* and section 73 of the *Privacy Act*, hereby designates the persons holding the positions set out in the schedule hereto, or the persons occupying on an acting basis those positions, to exercise the powers, duties and functions of the President and Chief Executive Officer as the head of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, under the provisions of the Act and related regulations set out in the schedule opposite each position.

Conformément à l'article 95 (1) de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information* et à l'article 73 de la *Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels*, le président-directeur général du le Musée canadien de l'immigration du Quai 21 désigne par la présente les personnes occupant les postes figurant dans le tableau ci-dessous, ou les personnes occupant ces postes à titre intérimaire, pour qu'elles exercent les pouvoirs et les fonctions du président-directeur général en tant que chef du Musée canadien de l'immigration du Quai 21, conformément aux modalités de la loi et des règlements afférents, indiqués dans le tableau.

Position Title/ Titre du poste	Scope/ Secteur	Authority/ Délégation	
		<i>Access to Information Act/ Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i>	<i>Privacy Act/ Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels</i>
Corporate Secretary/ Secrétaire de la Société	Museum/Musée	Total/Complet	Total/Complet

Dated at Halifax, NS, this 1st day of April, 2020.

Daté à Halifax, N.-É., ce 1 jour de avril 2020.



Marie Chapman
Chief Executive Officer, Chef de la direction



Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act*

Name of institution: Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

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	0
Outstanding from previous reporting period	0
Total	0
Closed during reporting period	0
Carried over to next reporting period	0

1.2 Sources of requests

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

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.

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Section 2: Decline to act vexatious, made in bad faith or abuse of right 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
Carried over to next reporting period	0

Section 3: Requests Closed During the Reporting Period

3.1 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
Decline to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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				

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

Section 6: Consultations Received From Other Institutions and Organizations

6.1 Consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions and organizations

Consultations	Other Government of Canada Institutions	Number of Pages to Review	Other Organizations	Number of Pages to Review
Received during reporting period	0	0	0	0
Outstanding from the previous reporting period	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Closed during the reporting period	0	0	0	0
Carried over to next reporting period	0	0	0	0

6.2 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions

Recommendation	Number of Days Required to Complete Consultation Requests							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	
Disclose entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclose in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exempt entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclude entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consult other institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.3 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other organizations

	Number of Days Required to Complete Consultation Requests
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Recommendation	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
Disclose entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclose in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exempt entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclude entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consult other institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	\$0
Overtime	\$0
Goods and Services	\$0
• Professional services contracts	\$0
• Other	\$0
Total	\$0

10.2 Human Resources

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

Note: Enter values to three decimal places.



Supplemental Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act* and *Privacy Act*

Name of institution: Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

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

Section 1: Capacity to Receive Requests

Enter the number of weeks your institution was able to receive ATIP requests through the different channels.

	Number of Weeks
Able to receive requests by mail	52
Able to receive requests by email	52
Able to receive requests through the digital request service	0

Section 2: Capacity to Process Records

2.1 Enter the number of weeks your institution was able to process paper records in different classification levels.

	No Capacity	Partial Capacity	Full Capacity	Total
Unclassified Paper Records	0	52	0	52
Protected B Paper Records	0	52	0	52
Secret and Top Secret Paper Records	0	52	0	52

2.2 Enter the number of weeks your institution was able to process electronic records in different classification levels.

	No Capacity	Partial Capacity	Full Capacity	Total
Unclassified Electronic Records	0	52	0	52
Protected B Electronic Records	0	52	0	52
Secret and Top Secret Electronic Records	0	52	0	52