



**Nova Scotia Freedom of Information  
and Protection of Privacy Act**

**2006 Annual Report**

**N.S. Department of Justice  
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## Message from the Minister of Justice

I am pleased to provide the fourth annual Department of Justice report on activity under the Nova Scotia *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The Government continues to honour its commitment to provide an annual summary of statistics related to FOIPOP applications not only across government, but also with all public bodies and municipalities. This marks the third year that we have provided data on all public bodies and municipalities who are subject to the legislation, and who have been known in the past to receive some FOIPOP applications.

There have been some slight revisions to the statistics for the 2005 calendar year to correct some instances of incorrect reporting of data. Because we rely on other organizations to provide statistics, we caution that we cannot guarantee 100 percent accuracy in any given year. However, it is our view that the information contained in this report is generally an accurate representation of activity under the legislation. I also note that the data does not, with the exception of information about fees collected, reflect the statistics of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office.

This report also marks the second year that we are reporting on total activity under the Government's and individual department's routine access policies that were instituted in the fall of 2003. The total number of requests under routine access policies continue to be significant, but I also would note that the vast majority of these requests were processed by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour. More information on the routine access policies of departments, agencies, boards and commissions is available on the respective government public body web sites.

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Hon. Murray Scott  
Minister of Justice

**Table 1<sup>1</sup>: Summary of 2001- 2006 FOIPOP Applications and Disclosure Decisions**  
(Stats included NS Government; agencies, boards, and commissions; school boards; and universities.)

	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Section 4, 7(2), and 7(4)	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
<b>2001</b>	1072	788	274	285	70	144	15	501	216	71
<b>2002</b>	1037	910	271	416	56	136	31	535	238	137
<b>2003</b>	727	622	206	290	35	84	7	400	129	93
<b>2004</b>	857	748	237	386	33	83	9	464	192	92
<b>2005</b>	842	742	223	385	27	85	22	431	232	79
<b>2006</b>	874	779	230	373	43	113	20	536	186	57
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,409</b>	<b>4589</b>	<b>1441</b>	<b>2135</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2867</b>	<b>1193</b>	<b>529</b>

**Table 2<sup>2</sup>: Summary of 2004 - 2006 FOIPOP Application and Disclosure Decisions**  
(Reflects Table 1 plus the addition of district health authorities; municipalities; and municipal police services.)

	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded Section 4	7(2) & 7(4)	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
<b>2004</b>	<b>1071</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>79</b>

**Source:** Office of the FOIPOP Coordinator, N.S. Department of Justice.

<sup>1</sup> On this table and all subsequent tables (except where otherwise noted), the stats include school boards and universities since 2001, but do not include regional health authorities or hospitals who have been under the *Act* since 1994. Also, these statistics do not include municipalities which were covered under FOIPOP provision of Part XX of the *Municipal Government Act* as of April 1, 1999. The statistics do include all government departments, as well as agencies, boards, and commissions, and the NS Community College, known to have received FOIPOP applications.

Applications completed include those applications where decisions have been made. Applications that have been carried forward to 2007, abandoned, withdrawn, or transferred in full are not included.

<sup>2</sup> The statistics for this table include all public bodies covered under the *FOIPOP Act* and Part XX of the *Municipal Government Act* (i.e. NS Government, agencies, boards, and commissions, school boards, universities, district health authorities, municipalities, and municipal police services). Statistics for district health authorities, municipalities, and municipal police services were captured for the first time in 2004.

**Table 3<sup>3</sup>: 2001-2006 Access Decisions and Response Times by Percentage**

	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Sections 4, 7(2), and 7(4)	0-30 Days	30-60 Days	60+ Days
<b>2001<sup>4</sup></b>	34.8%	36.2%	8.9%	18.3%	1.9%	63.6%	27.4%	9%
<b>2002</b>	29.8	45.7	6.2	14.9	3.4	58.8 <sup>5</sup>	26.2	15.1
<b>2003</b>	33.1	46.6	5.6	13.4	1.1	64.4 <sup>6</sup>	20.6	14.8
<b>2004</b>	37.9	45.9	5.2	9.2	1.8	63.3	23.1	13.6
<b>2005</b>	37.0	44.7	4.5	11.3	2.5	61.0	28.5	10.5
<b>2006</b>	28.2	51.5	5.4	12.5	2.4	69.9	22.1	8.0

**Table 4<sup>7</sup>: 2001-2006 N.S. Government FOIPOP Applications By Information Type**

	# Received	Personal	General	Personal/General	# Completed	Personal	General	Personal/General
<b>2001</b>	687	119	541	27	497	83	396	18
<b>2002</b>	981	260	631	90	858	232	543	83
<b>2003</b>	678	177	416	85	577	143	370	64
<b>2004</b>	779	141	520	118	674	142	433	99
<b>2005</b>	761	225	480	56	675	190	422	63
<b>2006</b>	777	259	462	56	692	236	409	47
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>3973</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>2573</b>	<b>374</b>

<sup>3</sup> 2001 to 2003 percentages reflect Table 1 data, while 2004 to 2006 percentages reflect Table 2 Data.

<sup>4</sup> Percentage totals more than 100% because of rounding.

<sup>5</sup> Percentage totals more than 100% because of rounding.

<sup>6</sup> Percentage totals less than 100% because of rounding.

<sup>7</sup> Table 4 includes information only for those departments on the government network.

**Table 5<sup>8</sup>: 2001-2006 Source of N.S. Government FOIPOP Applications by Percentage**

	# Received	Academic	Media	Political Party	Public	Business	Other	Public Interest
2001	1072	0	11.7	22.9	43.9	8.9	5.6	7
2002	1037	0.8	11.2	26.9	48.1	6	4	3
2003	727	0.8	7.6	19.1	46.5	22	3.2	0.8
2004	1071	0.2	3.1	23.9	44.0	23.5	2.8	2.5
2005	1059	0.7	3.1	16.4	48.2	26.7	2.4	2.5
2006	1111	34.0	5.2	18.4	21.8	6.8	2.6	11.2

**Table 6<sup>9</sup>: 2001-2006 FOIPOP Fees Collected**

Year	Record of Fees Collected	Fee Type
2001	\$5,584.60	
2002	\$15,931.10	Processing
	\$775.00	Review
2003	\$17,155.56	Processing
	\$1,125.00	Review
2004	\$31,505.75	Processing
	\$1,225.00	Review
2005	\$22,388.17	Processing
	\$1,125.00	Review
2006	\$27,621.03	Processing
	\$1,025.00	Review
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$125,461.21</b>	

**Table 7: 2006 Applications by Government Department or Public Body**

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<sup>8</sup> 2001 to 2003 requests received reflect Table 1 data, while 2004 to 2006 requests received reflect Table 2 Data

<sup>9</sup> 2004 to 2006 data includes all fees collected by NS Government, agencies, boards, and commissions, school boards, universities, district health authorities, municipalities, and municipal police services. 2001 to 2003 data reflects only fees collected by government public bodies.

Department Name	Total # FOIPOP Applications Received	Total # FOIPOP Applications Completed <sup>10</sup>
<b>Government Departments</b>		
Aboriginal Affairs	0	0
Acadian Affairs	0	0
Agriculture & Fisheries	15	15
Archives & Records Management	0	0
Communications Nova Scotia	3	2
Community Services	153	135
Department of Energy	0	0
Economic Development	19	16
Education	13	13
Emergency Measures Organization	0	0
Environment & Labour (Includes Alcohol and Gaming Authority, Fire Marshal, Occupational Health and Safety)	301	280
Executive Council	5	3
Finance	8	6
Health	78	70
Human Rights Commission	8	6
Immigration	4	3
Intergovernmental Affairs	4	4
Justice	59	47
Natural Resources	9	8
Nova Scotia Business Inc.	6	6
Nova Scotia Insurance Review Board	0	0
Office of Health Promotion	1	1
Police Commission	0	0
Premier's Office	7	5
Public Service Commission	8	7

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<sup>10</sup> Applications completed include those applications where decisions have been made. Applications that have been carried forward to 2007, abandoned, withdrawn, or transferred in full are not included.

Public Prosecution Service	17	15
Securities Commission	0	0
Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations	16	14
Sport & Recreation Commission	0	0
Tourism, Culture and Heritage	16	11
Transportation & Public Works	17	16
Treasury & Policy Board	10	9
Utility & Review Board	0	0
Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal	0	0
<b>Other Government Public Bodies</b>		
Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County	1	1
Family and Children's Services of Kings County	13	13
Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission	1	1
InNOVACorp	0	0
Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology	1	1
Nova Scotia Community College	0	0
Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation	2	2
Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation	2	2
Nova Scotia Legal Aid	1	1
Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation	9	9
Nova Scotia Public Service LTD Plan	1	1
Trade Centre Ltd.	4	4
Waterfront Development	0	0
Workers' Compensation Board	9	6

<b>University and School Boards</b>		
Acadia University	4	3
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board	1	1
Atlantic School of Theology	1	1
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board	0	0
Chignecto-Central Regional School Board	2	2
Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial	0	0
Dalhousie University	16	14
Halifax Regional School Board	6	4
Mount Saint Vincent University	9	9
Nova Scotia Agricultural College	2	2
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design	0	0
Saint Mary's University	2	2
South Shore Regional School Board	1	1
St. Francis Xavier University	3	3
Strait Regional School Board	2	1
Tri-County School Board	1	0
Universite Sainte-Anne	1	1
Cape Breton University	1	1
University of King's College	1	1
<b>District Health Authorities</b>		
Annapolis Valley District Health Authority	0	0
Cape Breton District Health Authority	3	3
Capital District Health Authority	17	13
Colchester East Hants Health Authority	0	0
Cumberland Health Authority	0	0
Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority	2	2
IWK Health Centre	5	5
Pictou County District Health Authority	1	1
South Shore District Health Authority	0	0
South West Health	2	2



<b>Municipal (Regional/Town/Rural)</b>		
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	1	1
Halifax Regional Municipality	34	29
Municipality of the County of Annapolis	2	2
Municipality of the County of Antigonish	0	0
Municipality of the District of Argyle	0	0
Municipality of the District of Barrington	1	1
Municipality of the District of Chester	1	1
Municipality of the County of Inverness	0	0
Municipality of the County of Kings	1	1
Municipality of the County of Pictou	0	0
Municipality of the County of Richmond	0	0
Municipality of the County of Victoria	0	0
Municipality of the District of Clare	0	0
Municipality of the District of Colchester	0	0
Municipality of the District of Cumberland	0	0
Municipality of the District of Digby	1	1
Municipality of the District of Guysborough	2	2
Municipality of the District of Hants East	1	1
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg	1	1
Municipality of the District of Shelburne	1	1
Municipality of the District of St. Mary's	0	0
Municipality of the District of Hants West	1	1
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth	0	0
Region of Queens Municipality	0	0
Town of Amherst	1	1
Town of Annapolis Royal	0	0
Town of Antigonish	0	0
Town of Berwick	0	0
Town of Bridgetown	0	0
Town of Bridgewater	0	0
Town of Canso	0	0

Town of Clark's Harbour	0	0
Town of Digby	0	0
Town of Hantsport	0	0
Town of Kentville	0	0
Town of Lockeport	0	0
Town of Lunenburg	0	0
Town of Mahone Bay	0	0
Town of Middleton	0	0
Town of Mulgrave	0	0
Town of New Glasgow	1	0
Town of Oxford	0	0
Town of Parrsboro	1	1
Town of Pictou	0	0
Town of Port Hawkesbury	0	0
Town of Shelburne	0	0
Town of Springhill	1	1
Town of Stellarton	0	0
Town of Stewiacke	0	0
Town of Trenton	2	2
Town of Truro	0	0
Town of Westville	0	0
Town of Windsor	0	0
Town of Wolfville	0	0
Town of Yarmouth	0	0

<b>Municipal (Police Services)</b>		
Amherst Police	0	0
Annapolis Royal Police	0	0
Bridgewater Police	0	0
Cape Breton Regional Police	85	65
Halifax Regional Police	64	64
Kentville Police	0	0
New Glasgow	1	1
Springhill Police	0	0
Stellarton Police	0	0
Trenton Police	1	1
Truro Police	3	2
Westville Police	0	0
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**Table 9: 2005 Applications by Government Department or Public Body**

Department Name	Total # FOIPOP Applications Received	Total # FOIPOP Applications Completed <sup>11</sup>
<b>Government Departments</b>		
Aboriginal Affairs	1	1
Acadian Affairs	0	0
Agriculture & Fisheries	14	9
Archives & Records Management	0	0
Communications Nova Scotia	4	5
Community Services	157	141
Department of Energy	2	2
Economic Development	14	18
Education	34	24
Emergency Measures Organization	0	0
Environment & Labour (Includes Alcohol and Gaming Authority, Fire Marshal, Occupational Health and Safety)	317	296
Executive Council	1	1
Finance	8	5
Health	59	51
Human Rights Commission	6	7
Immigration	0	0
Intergovernmental Affairs	1	1
Justice	41	30
Natural Resources	13	13
Nova Scotia Business Inc.	8	9
Nova Scotia Film Board	0	0
Nova Scotia Insurance Review Board	1	1
Office of Health Promotion	4	5
Police Commission	0	0

<sup>11</sup> Applications completed include those applications where decisions have been made. Applications that have been carried forward to 2007, abandoned, withdrawn, or transferred in full are not included.

Premier's Office	3	2
Public Service Commission	5	3
Public Prosecution Service	21	19
Securities Commission	0	0
Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations	12	7
Sport & Recreation Commission	0	0
SYSCO	0	0
Tourism, Culture and Heritage	7	7
Transportation & Public Works	23	15
Treasury & Policy Board	5	3
Utility & Review Board	0	0
Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal	0	0
<b>Other Government Public Bodies</b>		
Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission	0	0
InNOVACorp	1	1
Nova Scotia Community College	2	2
Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation	0	0
Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation	2	2
Nova Scotia Legal Aid	1	1
Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation	8	8
Nova Scotia Public Service LTD Plan	3	1
Trade Centre Ltd.	0	0
Waterfront Development	0	0
Workers' Compensation Board	7	7

<b>University and School Boards</b>		
Acadia University	8	8
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board	1	0
Atlantic School of Theology	0	0
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board	3	3
Chignecto-Central Regional School Board	2	0
Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial	1	1
Dalhousie University	4	4
Halifax Regional School Board	12	6
Mount Saint Vincent University	5	5
Nova Scotia Agricultural College	0	0
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design	0	0
Saint Mary's University	2	2
South Shore Regional School Board	8	5
St. Francis Xavier University	2	2
Strait Regional School Board	1	1
Tri-County School Board	2	2
Universite Sainte-Anne	1	1
University College of Cape Breton	5	5
University of King's College	0	0
<b>District Health Authorities</b>		
Annapolis Valley District Health Authority	0	0
Cape Breton District Health Authority	1	0
Capital District Health Authority	16	15
Colchester East Hants Health Authority	0	0
Cumberland Health Authority	0	0
Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority	0	0
IWK Health Centre	1	1
Pictou County District Health Authority	1	1
South Shore District Health Authority	0	0
South West Health	0	0

<b>Municipal (Regional/Town/Rural)</b>		
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	4	4
Digby Area Recreation Commission	0	0
Digby Water Commission	0	0
Halifax Public Libraries	0	0
Halifax Regional Municipality	39	32
Halifax Regional Water Commission	0	0
Lunenburg/Queens Regional Development Agency	0	0
Municipality of the County of Annapolis	2	2
Municipality of the County of Antigonish	0	0
Municipality of the District of Argyle	0	0
Municipality of the District of Barrington	0	0
Municipality of the District of Chester	0	0
Municipality of the County of Inverness	0	0
Municipality of the County of Kings	1	1
Municipality of the County of Pictou	0	0
Municipality of the County of Richmond	3	3
Municipality of the County of Victoria	0	0
Municipality of the District of Clare	0	0
Municipality of the District of Colchester	0	0
Municipality of the District of Cumberland	0	0
Municipality of the District of Digby	0	0
Municipality of the District of Guysborough	0	0
Municipality of the District of Hants East	0	0
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg	3	3
Municipality of the District of Shelburne	0	0
Municipality of the District of St. Mary's	0	0
Municipality of the District of Hants West	6	6
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth	0	0
Region of Queens Municipality	0	0
South Shore Regional Library	0	0
Town of Amherst	2	1

Town of Annapolis Royal	0	0
Town of Antigonish	0	0
Town of Berwick	0	0
Town of Bridgetown	0	0
Town of Bridgewater	0	0
Town of Canso	0	0
Town of Clark's Harbour	0	0
Town of Digby	0	0
Town of Hantsport	0	0
Town of Kentville	0	0
Town of Lockeport	0	0
Town of Lunenburg	0	0
Town of Mahone Bay	0	0
Town of Middleton	0	0
Town of Mulgrave	0	0
Town of New Glasgow	0	0
Town of Oxford	0	0
Town of Parrsboro	0	0
Town of Pictou	0	0
Town of Port Hawkesbury	0	0
Town of Shelburne	0	0
Town of Springhill	0	0
Town of Stellarton	0	0
Town of Stewiacke	0	0
Town of Trenton	0	0
Town of Truro	0	0
Town of Westville	0	0
Town of Windsor	0	0
Town of Wolfville	0	0
Town of Yarmouth	0	0



<b>Municipal (Police Services)</b>		
Amherst Police	1	1
Annapolis Royal Police	0	0
Bridgewater Police	0	0
Cape Breton Regional Police	84	73
Halifax Regional Police	49	48
Kentville Police	0	0
New Glasgow	1	1
Springhill Police	0	0
Stellarton Police	0	0
Trenton Police	0	0
Truro Police	2	2
Westville Police	1	1
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### Summary of 2003-2005 Routine Access Requests

	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	Policy Not Applicable	No Record	Withdrawn or Transferred	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
<b>2003</b>	37	30	22	5	1	2	0	0	28	1	1
<b>2004</b>	3,419	3,393	757	69	1	11	2,555	0	3,206	184	3
<b>2005</b>	4,220	4,220	953	23	1	11	3,232	0	3,826	219	175
<b>2006</b>	4,037	3,658	827	10	5	27	2,787	2	3,600	57	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,713</b>	<b>11,301</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>8,574</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>180</b>