

How to Lawfully Expose Microcell, 5G and “Smart” City Plans & Liability Issues Where You Live

Filing a Freedom of Information Request to a Local or Provincial Government in Canada

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Knowledge is Power.

Insights gleaned from filing the two *Freedom of Information (FOI) Templates* below will guide you in creating responsive and well-informed Safe Tech campaigns.

Before you file, check to see who owns the public rights-of-way where you live. In most cases, it is your local government, but in some, it may be the province or territory. In both instances, you will submit the FOI to the body that signs the permits that allow microcells and other wireless equipment to be installed.

Template 1: FOI Template for 5G

Use this to learn about the 5G, public WIFI and “Smart City” plans and projects underway where you live.

Template 2: FOI Template for Insurance and Liability

Use this to learn if your Council has allowed the installation of uninsured infrastructure where you live. If the Telecom installing the equipment does not have coverage for damages resulting from wireless infrastructure and electromagnetic fields and radiation, then your Council must have a policy that covers this. If they do not, they will be financially liable for the inevitable tsunami of health, privacy and other suits resulting from this wireless infrastructure.

Step 1

In Canada, Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to local governments fall under Provincial jurisdiction. Click on the appropriate link in **Step 5** below to learn how to submit a FOI request where you live.

Step 2

Open one or both of the editable word docs found here:

- 1 . [5G Freedom of Information Request Template for Councils Canada](#)
2. [Insurance and Liability Freedom of Information Request Template for Councils Canada](#)

Step 3

Use the *Find and Replace* function in your word program to replace [COUNCIL] with the name of your own Council or entity.

Step 4

Edit the document(s) to your preference.

Template 1

If you are not interested in LED lights or Autonomous vehicles at this time, eliminate those sections. To insure a response, it may be more effective to submit a separate FOI request for each of the five subject areas listed below:

Sections 1: 5G

Section 2: 3G & 4G, Public WIFI and Microcells

Section 3: Autonomous Vehicles

Section 4: Smart Roads and Smart Signage

Section 5: LED Street Lighting

Template 2

To insure a response, it may be more effective to submit a separate FOI request for each of the three subject areas listed below:

Section 1: Public Liability Insurance Policy Information & Contents

Section 2: Confirmation of Coverage for Damages Resulting from Electromagnetic Fields

Section 3: Copies of Certificates of Indemnity

Step 5

Submit your FOI Requests.

As mentioned above, in Canada, municipalities fall within provincial jurisdiction when it comes to the law of privacy and FOI. Click on the appropriate link below to learn how to submit your FOI(s) in the Province or Territory where you live.

**How to File a Freedom of Information Request in the Province or
Territory Where you Live**

BC - FIPPA: <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance-documents/1466>

Alberta - FOIP: <https://eservices.alberta.ca/foip-request.html>

Saskatchewan - The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/justice-crime-and-the-law/your-rights-and-the-law/make-a-freedom-of-information-request#making-an-access-to-information-request>

Manitoba - FIPPA: https://www.gov.mb.ca/fippa/public_portal_home.html

Ontario – IPC: <https://www.ipc.on.ca/wpcontent/uploads/resources/municipal%20guide-e.pdf>

Quebec – CAI: <https://www.educaloi.qc.ca/en/capsules/access-documents-public-bodies>

New Brunswick – RTIPPA:
https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/finance/office_of_the_chief_information_officer/content/rti/request.html#3a

Nova Scotia – OIPC: <https://oipc.novascotia.ca/publictools>

Prince Edward Island – FOIPP:
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/freedom-information-and-protection-privacy-foipp>

Newfoundland & Labrador – ATIPP: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/atipp/>

Northwest Territories – ATIPP: The Territories’ Privacy Act was under Review in 2019 and should now include municipal governments: <https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/access-to-information-held-by-public-bodies/>

Nunavat – ATIPP: <https://www.gov.nu.ca/eia/access-information-and-protection-privacy-atipp-act>

No Act That Extends to Municipal Bodies:

The Yukon - ATIPP covers the Territorial government only:
http://www.atipp.gov.yk.ca/atipp_overview.html