

*Community First*



September 18, 2020

Abby Dushman  
Director, Criminal Justice Program  
Canadian Civil Liberties Association

Dear Ms Dushman,

On behalf of the Chair and the Smiths Falls Police Service Board, I am responding to your letter dated August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regarding the provincial portal and access to the crucial Covid data in order to keep our officers safe from risk of exposure.

As I am sure you can appreciate the importance to public safety the need to keep first responders safe and the consequences of spread of Covid that could cripple Emergency Services. It was very important in the early stages of the pandemic to have access to tombstone data and result of Covid tests in order to have officers take appropriate measures when responding to calls for service.

The data was accessed only by authorized personnel in accordance with the Ministry guidelines and kept confidential. The data was not used for any other purpose other than safety. The data was not stored and the access has been since revoked.

I trust this answers the points for your letter.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark MacGillivray". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Mark MacGillivray  
Chief of Police  
Smiths Falls Police Service