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Your ATI Request 2026-G-0598 - Update

[redacted] Mon, Oct 19, 2026 at 3:52 PM
To: Megan Gerstmar <megan.gerstmar@edmonton.ca>

Megan,

I will try to provide a bit more detail, along with direct answers to your specific questions below (blue text inserted in your email dated 16 October 2026).

The reason for my request is to explore the Mayor and Administration's statements that the December 2025 snowfall was the "once-in-30-year snowfall event" as well as "unprecedented". Assigning a return period ("once-in-30-year") requires a technical analysis and that analysis is at the core of my request. The Mayor also stated that "In December 2025, Edmonton recorded 416% more precipitation than our 30-year average - making it the sixth snowiest December on record", indicating that someone reviewed Environment Canada climate normals as well as the long-term (i.e., back to 1880) historical record of meteorological data at Edmonton.

My original request: "Please provide copies of any technical work (e.g., spreadsheets), memoranda, or other documents detailing the meteorological characterization of snowfall conditions in December 2025/January 2026" might be clarified / narrowed to: "Please provide copies of any technical work (e.g., spreadsheets), memoranda, or other documents detailing the meteorological characterization of snowfall conditions **by the Mayor, Council, or Administration** in December 2025/January 2026."

If there are monitoring or research programs taking place that did not contribute to the messaging delivered by the Mayor, Council, or Administration, those are not relevant to my request. As indicated below, I do not require the raw data sets from Environment Canada or any other research/monitoring program, assuming that appropriate references and summaries of those data will be included in the technical work I have requested.

Please let me know if this response is clear; I would be open to a phone call or additional email response if necessary to lock down the scope of this request.

Best regards,

[redacted]

On Mon, Oct 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM [redacted] wrote:

> Megan,
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> Thank you for the clarification request.
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> I will provide a more fulsome response later today, but just an initial note that I would NOT require any of the raw data from the University of Alberta collaboration, nor do I require the Environment Canada data.
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> Best regards,
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> [redacted]
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> On Fri, Oct 16, 2026 at 3:29 PM Megan Gerstmar <megan.gerstmar@edmonton.ca> wrote:
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> > Good afternoon [redacted]

Records most likely to contain requested information

As we have been working to gather records for you, the affected business area has indicated that the estimated responsive page count was under-counted and we are reaching out to confirm the scope again. The business areas have requested that we seek clarification from you to ensure we provide you with the records that you are interested in and not just dumping records on you that may not be relevant to your needs.

The business area believes we may have several standard documents that would directly address your request. These are Parks and Roads Services Weekly Council Updates and Mobility Infrastructure Operations Plans. The Weekly Council Updates are weekly updates that the branch put together to keep Council informed of their activities and planned actions. These documents specifically address the snowfall and the City's response. Mobility Infrastructure Operations Plans are Daily spreadsheets that set out the plan for that day's snow and ice control. These include a weather forecast, the staffing levels, and work plans of employees. **These standard documents would all be useful, as a secondary objective is to understand the reasons for stops/starts in the snow management operations for that period.**

Additional records that may not be wanted but may be in scope

Based on the wording of the scope as it currently is, there are also many other spreadsheets and other documents that may be responsive to the scope of the request, but we would like to confirm that you are actually interested in receiving them.

Examples of additional documents

The City has partnered with the University of Alberta to trial a sensor system on all our Winter equipment that provides real-time data about weather conditions. However, without the UofA and its contractors' software, this would just be raw data. It is thousands of pages of spreadsheets. Were you interested in this raw data? **NO, I do not need this raw data. However, if those data were used as a basis for characterizing precipitation / snowfall / rainfall conditions that contributed to the Mayor's statements, I expect that they would be referenced in internal City documents.**

The business area also has weather forecasts pulled from Environment Canada. However, historical weather data can be found at this site. Did you want to exclude these records? **Please exclude those records. I have examined the Environment Canada data in depth and do not need them provided.**

Are you requesting records such as email tags when someone is tagged in a document? For example, when drafting the weekly updates to Council, staff would be tagged to input data or information. These are considered a record, but could be excluded so as not to be provided. **Yes, it is important to understand who within the Administration provided information, advice, review, or edits.**

Would you like to exclude draft documents? **Drafts may be limited to technical reports and Weekly Council Updates (i.e., no drafts of the Mobility Operations Plans noted above).**

If you could please review and let me know, I would greatly appreciate it. If it would be easier to chat on the phone, please let me know and I can make myself available. Clarification of the records requested could reduce or eliminate the need for additional fees to be paid. If needed, we would refund the deposit you have already paid.

Thank you,
Megan

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