

MANITOBA HYDRO - ACCESS TO INFORMATION REQUESTS LIST
Week of: May 21 to May 27, 2026

Date of Request	Records Requested
2026-05-20	<p>This is a freedom of information request/access to information request for records held by Manitoba Hydro.</p> <p>In June 2023, the Globe and Mail launched a project called Secret Canada, an investigation that includes a national database of completed FOI summaries from hundreds of public institutions. SecretCanada.com is a free, public service. Globe reporters collected the FOI summaries primarily through individual FOI requests sent to each public body. We'll be repeating this process every year to keep the database up to date.</p> <p>The vast majority of large public bodies use a records/data management system to track and manage FOI requests. We are seeking access to the following fields:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifier: The request number or unique identifier for each request. Summary: The most detailed request text available in the tracking system, be that the full request text or a summary written by an FOI coordinator. Date received: The date each FOI was received. Date completed: The date each FOI was completed. Disposition: The disposition for each FOI (records granted in full, in part, denied, etc.). (Not mandatory) Department, division, body or entity: If your tracking system provides detail on which part of your organization is being targeted with a request, we would like this information. For example, some municipalities process FOIs for local transit and police services. Similarly, Ontario's Ministry of the Solicitor General handles requests on behalf of many hospitals. If this is the case for your organization and you can distinguish these entities with a field, that is helpful. If this information is not readily available, please disregard this part of our request. You do not need to contact us for permission to disregard this field. <p>We are seeking the above information for FOIs that were completed between July 1, 2024 and March 31, 2026.</p> <p>We are only seeking access to data from general records requests, not personal records requests. (For example, we do not want information on requests from people asking for their own police or health file.)</p> <p>We are not seeking access to information about FOIs that are not yet completed, or FOIs that were withdrawn, abandoned, or transferred to another institution. In rare instances, institutions are consulted on FOIs received by other institutions, and this interaction is captured in their tracking systems. We are not interested in requests that your organization does not have custody of. If you cannot easily filter out these unwanted requests - incomplete, withdrawn, abandoned, transferred, consultations - that's fine. Send us what you have. You do not need to check with us about this.</p> <p>We require this data in a machine-readable table format (Excel or CSV, for instance). This is the third year we have collected information for SecretCanada, our free public database. In the past, when dealing with entities that did not provide the information in a machine-readable format, we have had to spend hours manually transcribing files or using OCR technology, which introduces formatting errors and typos. This then requires hours of cleaning. Growing forward, we no longer have the resources to do extensive data cleaning. Public bodies that do not provide the information we've requested in a machine-readable table cannot be included in our database. We will be explaining to readers why entities that have been included in the past are no longer a part of the project.</p> <p>The FOI information you send us will be included as-is in our SecretCanada.com database.</p> <p>Please send us the records by e-mail. Do not password protect your response. Some institutions have begun uploading FOI responses to a third-party website, which we must then download. If possible, we would prefer not to communicate this way as we have found the emails are sometimes lost in our junk folder and The Globe's security system screens them out.</p> <p>We have prepared a detailed guide for public institutions that answers many of the questions we have often received from FOI offices during this project. Please read it before reaching out to us with questions: https://www.secretcanada.com/dear-foi-office. All information you send us will be published for public viewing.</p>