

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CASE NOTES

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### **Exempt under *Coroner's Act* *Information Act* s.5**

The Complainant sought information about a non-suspicious death held by Police. The Office of the Coroner argued that the information was more closely related to the functions of the Coroner and that Police merely held the information on the Coroner's behalf.

The *prima facie* decision found that the investigation conducted by the Police was done pursuant to, and under the control of, the Coroner for the sole purpose of compiling a file to assist the Coroner in determining the cause of death and deciding whether an inquest was necessary. The information created during the investigation was exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 5(5)(c) of the Act.