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Applicant requests survey section containing personal information from public body

A public body responded to a request for the narrative portion of a survey it had conducted with a partial release of information. It withheld the remainder under s. 22(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA), which requires a public body to withhold personal information, the disclosure of which would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

Our investigation and mediation of the applicant's request for review of the public body's decision resulted in the release of some further information. However, the public body declined to disclose the rest of the requested record, explaining that it contained third party personal information.

Section 22(4) of FIPPA describes circumstances where disclosure of personal information would not be an unreasonable invasion of third parties' personal privacy. Our review of the records revealed that none of the information was of a type described in s. 22(4).

Section 22(3) of FIPPA describes types of information where disclosure is presumed to be an unreasonable invasion of third parties' personal privacy. The information withheld from the records clearly contained this type of personal information.

In assessing whether disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of third parties' personal privacy under ss. 22(1) or (3), one must consider the relevant circumstances set out in s. 22(2). As none of the relevant circumstances in s. 22(2) applied to the records, we concluded the public body was required to withhold the remaining information under s. 22(1).