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**Media policy question**

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**A.J. Withers** <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Dec 15, 2020 at 4:48 PM

To: media@toronto.ca

Bcc: Melissa Goldstein &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Hi,

I am an author working on an independent journalism project.

Could you please tell me the protocols for retroactively changing materials posted on the City News Releases &amp; Media Advisories website?

Thank you,

A.J. Withers, PhD

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*[A Violent History of Benevolence: Interlocking Oppression in the Moral Economies of Social Working](#)*, by C. Chapman and A.J. Withers*[Disability Politics and Theory](#)* by A.J. Withers

I live and work on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat, and the Métis. The current treaty holders of this land as the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region. I also acknowledge and follow the Gusweñta, or Two Row Wampum Belt Treaty.

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**A.J. Withers** <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 8:44 AM

To: media@toronto.ca

Bcc: Melissa Goldstein &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Hi, I want to follow up on this.

My deadline is fast approaching.

Please respond by the end of the day with these documents or when I can receive these documents.

Thanks.

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**Media Relations** <media@toronto.ca>

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 9:18 AM

To: "A.J. Withers" &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Hello:

We have received your request for information and your deadline of end of day today. We will get back to you.

Thank you.

Deborah Blackstone for [media@toronto.ca](mailto:media@toronto.ca)

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**Media Relations** <[media@toronto.ca](mailto:media@toronto.ca)>  
To: "A.J. Withers" <[theajwithers@gmail.com](mailto:theajwithers@gmail.com)>

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 11:45 AM

A.J., I am following up. Is your question related to a specific update to media materials online or just a general question?

Please advise.

Thank you.

Deborah for [media@toronto.ca](mailto:media@toronto.ca)

**From:** A.J. Withers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** December 18, 2020 8:45 AM  
**To:** Media Relations <[media@toronto.ca](mailto:media@toronto.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Media policy question

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**A.J. Withers** <[REDACTED]>  
To: Media Relations <[media@toronto.ca](mailto:media@toronto.ca)>

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 2:31 PM

Hi,

These are my specific questions:

1. What are the general guidelines with respect to changing/correcting/updating press releases and backgrounders posted at/to <https://www.toronto.ca/news/>?
2. If these documents are ever changed, is the public notified of this (e.g. with an "updated on" notification and new date)?
3. If there are changes to these documents, is a record kept by your office of them?

Thank you,

Dr. A.J. Withers

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**Media Relations** <media@toronto.ca>

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 3:30 PM

To: "A.J. Withers" <[REDACTED]>

A.J.

We will need to follow up with you next week on this.

Thank you.

Deborah Blackstone for [media@toronto.ca](mailto:media@toronto.ca)

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**Media Relations** <media@toronto.ca>

Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 5:47 PM

To: "A.J. Withers" <[REDACTED]>

Hi Dr. A.J. Withers,

Thank you for your email.

Regarding Toronto.ca, the City of Toronto regularly updates information online, including on the City's Media Room page, to ensure it is accurate and up-to-date. If significant new information or inaccurate information that was previously issued in a news release needs to be re-communicated or corrected with the public, the City evaluates the information and may issue a new or revised news release or post the update on our social media channels. The City's website content management system maintains a record (timestamp) of the date and time when content on the City's media room page was posted or updated and details of the user who posted or made the update.

In future, the City's Strategic Public & Employee Communications Division will explore including information on the City's Media Room page to indicate when content has been updated.

Kind regards,

Susan

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