

Ken Rubin and Mila Mulroneys expenses

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To get what Ken Rubin does, you have to know the story of Mila Mulroneys furniture. In 1993, the secretive National Capital Commission (NCC) decided to pay the Mulroneys for the furniture they left behind at 24 Sussex Drive, their former official residence. The NCC cut the Mulroneys a cheque for \$150,000, and there was an outcry from those who felt the NCC (and ultimately the public) had overpaid. The Mulroneys gave back the money, and things settled down.

But Ken Rubin didnt feel the story was finished. He fished around the way he loves to, and ultimately came up with an appraisal for the Mulroneys castoffs from a reputable auction house.

They were worth \$39,050.

This is what Ken does. He pokes around and looks in locked filing cabinets, prying them open with various access to information laws, mostly at the federal level. He feels that people should have the right to know what their governments are doing, which is a radical idea in a town like Ottawa.

Ottawa would be duller place without Ken.
And it would have a lot more secrets.