



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2012-00201

March 7, 2013

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. You narrowed your request on November 22, 2012 through conversation and/or email with Scott Carroll. Your request is for:

“Documentation relating to the planning and implementation of BC Tripartite First Nations Health Agreement, specifically how the IFNHA was selected for the grant and how the amount provided was determined.”

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

The Ministry of Health has requested that, in addition to the responsive records enclosed with this letter, you also be provided with the following background information with a view to enhancing your understanding of the documentation provided:

- In November 2005, the First Nations Leadership Council, the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of British Columbia signed the Transformative Change Accord, which committed all parties to work together to close the gaps in health, education, housing and economic opportunities between First Nations people and the rest of British Columbians. A year later, the *Transformative Change Accord: First Nations Health Plan* was negotiated by the First Nations Leadership Council and British Columbia. In June 2007, the Tripartite First

Nations Health Plan was signed by the First Nations Leadership Council, British Columbia and Canada. These two, more detailed plans guide the work of the two levels of government and First Nations in the health sector.

- Funding to support the development and implementation of health actions under these two plans was also negotiated over that period and grants from both the federal and provincial governments were provided first to the First Nations Summit Society and then to the First Nations Health Society when it was established under the *Society Act*. The First Nations Health Society later changed its name to the interim First Nations Health Authority (iFNHA). The Framework Agreement on First Nations Health Governance lays out the funding commitment by both levels of government for the new First Nations Health Authority. British Columbia's commitment is \$83.5 million from 2011/12 to 2019/20. The first \$16.5 million was provided in 2007 and 2008, making the total commitment from British Columbia \$100 million over 13 years. The federal government committed to matching this amount.
- In summary, the iFNHA was created by First Nations to do the work outlined in the two First Nations Health Plans and the Framework Agreement; the government did not select this organization as such. The funding amount provided was negotiated in the context of the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan with the First Nations Leadership Council and the federal government.

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after it has been released by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Scott Carroll, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-4383. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-4383.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Maxine Vanzetta". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Maxine" and last name "Vanzetta" clearly legible.

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.