



ARCS: 292-30  
File: FIN-2011-00059

July 29, 2011

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 Finance. You requested:

*BC Ferries has been granted permission to raise fares over the next four years. On April 1, 2011 ferry fares are increasing. On March 31, 2011 the B.C. Ferry Commissioner approved an annual increase of 4.15 per cent for major routes and 8.23 per cent for minor routes from 2012-2015. Provide briefing notes, reports, and correspondence of 2011 on this fare issue, e.g. the wisdom and impacts of these fare increases, alternatives, public protests, etc. Include responses to the columns by Stephen Hume, "Higher ferry fares discriminate against Island residents" Vancouver Sun, April 09, 2011, and "After sinking BC Ferries bailed out, high rates reward taxpayers," Vancouver Sun, April 19, 2011.*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections, 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences) and 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](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

Your file is now closed.

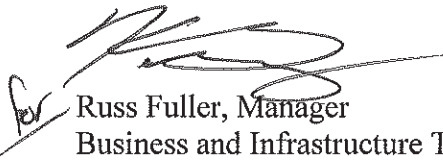
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As part of the BC Government's new Open Information initiative, this response and the enclosed records will be published on the Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after being received by you. To find out more about Open Information, please 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 Marion Ashton, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-952-0898. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-7867, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-952-0898.

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,

  
Russ Fuller, Manager  
Business and Infrastructure Team  
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

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| <p>How to Request a Review with the<br/>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.