

ARCS: 292-30 File: GCP-2012-00085

July 9, 2012

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 Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE). Your request is for:

All records between the Transportation Minister's Office, the Ministry of Transportation, the Premier's Office, Government Communications and Public Engagement, the TransLink Commission office, and TransLink itself regarding the TransLink Efficiency Review released April 11, 2012 including information regarding the consulting firm conducting the review, communications regarding the Review from the Minister of Transportation and the Premier and related material.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) of FOIPPA. A copy of this section of FOIPPA is provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Please note some information in the records is marked 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording of your request. Your file is now closed.

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Fax: 250-387-9843

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: <a href="http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page">http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page</a>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Stephanie MacLeod, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 387-1458. 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) 387-1458.

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,

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Cindy Elbahir, Manager Central Agency Team

Information Access Operations

**Enclosures** 

## How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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.

## Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

[RSBC 1996] Chapter 165

## Policy advice, recommendations or draft regulations

- 13 (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice or recommendations developed by or for a public body or a minister.
  - (2) The head of a public body must not refuse to disclose under subsection (1)
    - (a) any factual material,
    - (b) a public opinion poll,
    - (c) a statistical survey,
    - (d) an appraisal,
    - (e) an economic forecast,
    - (f) an environmental impact statement or similar information,
    - (g) a final report or final audit on the performance or efficiency of a public body or on any of its programs or policies,
    - (h) a consumer test report or a report of a test carried out on a product to test equipment of the public body,
    - (i) a feasibility or technical study, including a cost estimate, relating to a policy or project of the public body,
    - (j) a report on the results of field research undertaken before a policy proposal is formulated.
    - (k) a report of a task force, committee, council or similar body that has been established to consider any matter and make reports or recommendations to a public body,
    - (l) a plan or proposal to establish a new program or to change a program, if the plan or proposal has been approved or rejected by the head of the public body,
    - (m) information that the head of the public body has cited publicly as the basis for making a decision or formulating a policy, or
    - (n) a decision, including reasons, that is made in the exercise of a discretionary power or an adjudicative function and that affects the rights of the applicant.
  - (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to information in a record that has been in existence for 10 or more years.