



ARCS: 292-30
File: TRA-2013-00152

June 13, 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 Transportation and Infrastructure. Your request is for:

Highway maintenance records for the period of January 18, 2013 to January 22, 2013 with respect to Highway 3 at Princeton Wood Preserves, near Princeton, BC, specifically, service area map, operational manuals, current conditions and forecast information, Drive BC reports, RWIS data, the plow block, logs, journals and/or handwritten notes.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. The forty pages previously provided to you under the FOIPPA request referenced TRA-2013-0082 were also located in response to this request, but have not been provided again and are published on the BC Government's Open Information website:
<http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

As per our email dated May 14, 2013 a portion of the requested records are available online. The request for forecast information is available by going to the below website:

Historical Weather Data available here:
<https://pub-apps.th.gov.bc.ca/saw-paws/weatherstation>

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This site is available to the public to download historical data from any of the weather stations within the Ministry's network, including stations that have been discontinued. The site offers station lists with basic metadata on all the stations, and historical data can be downloaded in spreadsheet files, one file per calendar year. For the current year, the data is cut off 4 weeks prior to the current date, so it is not a source of real time information. There is a list of the weather stations, including latitudes, longitudes and elevations that you can download in PDF or Excel format and also a list of data definitions that you can download in PDF format. You can sort the big list of downloadable stations by clicking on any of the headers and you can also change the amount of stations viewed on your browser.

In addition, further information is available online by going to these below websites:

Environment Canada also has weather data publically available here:

http://www.climate.weatheroffice.gc.ca/climateData/canada_e.html

Maintenance standards and specification is available online here:

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/BCHighways/contracts/maintenance/standards_and_specs.htm

A map of service areas is publically available here:

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/popular-topics/maps/serviceareacontacts.htm>

Historical Drive BC information is publically available through the DataBC website:

<http://www.data.gov.bc.ca/dbc/index.page?WT.svl=Breadcrumb>

Enter search term "DriveBC" and listing of available data will be provided (2006-2011). Although 2013 data is not yet posted, it is routinely releasable and can be requested by selecting the button on the bottom right of the screen "Request Data" and then entering contact information.

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 me at **250-356-7966**. 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 250-356-7966.

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 blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Kewley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Kewley, Information & Privacy Analyst
Business and Infrastructure 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.