



ARCS: 292-30
File: FNR-2011-00218

November 10, 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 Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Your request is for:

A record confirming the number of authorizations which constitute the backlog in preventing projects from proceeding, as mentioned in Premier Clark's introduction of Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan, on September 22, 2011 to the Vancouver Board of Trade.

In response to your request, the Ministry would like to convey the following information:

The backlog numbers associated with the recent jobs plan announcement are: 1) Mining or notice of work permits of which there are approximately 230; 2) Water Permits of which there are approximately 3900; and 3) Land Act Permits of which there are approximately 2785. The Ministry would also like to note that they are currently working to make this information available to the public on their website within the next couple weeks.

Your file is now closed.


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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Tim O'Connor, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-9155. 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 250 356-9155.

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, appearing to read "G Edwards", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

For

Kris Ghag, Manager
Resource 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.