



ARCS: 292- 30
File: FNR-2012-00289

November 22, 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 Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Your request is for:

The BC Conservation Foundation was awarded a \$60,000 contract on April 11, 2012 to conduct a study into the Thompson Region small lakes water use strategy project; Any record detailing the progress of effectiveness of this project.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 14 (Legal advice), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

As the contract that your request relates to has been renewed, the records provided in response to your request detail the progress and effectiveness of the 2011/2012 portion of the project. There are not yet any records on the progress or effectiveness of the subsequent part of the project. Such records are expected to become available after April 2013. You may wish to submit another request at that time. Your file is now closed.

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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 Anita Kataoka, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-0965. 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 250-387-0965.

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 'K. Ghag', is positioned above the typed name.

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.