



ARCS: 292- 30
File: FIN-2013-00194

October 4, 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 Finance. You narrowed your request on September 23, 2013 through conversation and/or email with Cheryl FitzSimons.

Your request is for:

A copy of the original agreement between Tourism Vancouver and the Ministry of Finance, signed in 2003, which sets out Tourism Vancouver's obligations to contribute \$90 million towards construction costs of the expanded BC Convention Centre; A copy of the most recent version of that agreement; What changes or alterations have been made to the agreement; Total payments that have been made; Records from Provincial Treasury; Timeframe is January 1, 2003 to July 24, 2013.

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 and/or the date range of your request. Your file is now closed.

The Ministry has advised that items in green shown on the excel spreadsheet show the contribution payments by Tourism Vancouver through July. The Province agreed to pay Tourism Vancouver's contribution payments for Fiscal Year 2013; this is shown by the orange items on the spread sheet. As a result, if the province's payments (highlighted in orange) are included as payments attributed to Tourism Vancouver, then Tourism Vancouver would have paid \$5,874,396. If the Provincial payments on behalf of Tourism Vancouver are excluded, then Tourism Vancouver would have paid \$4,597,112 in contribution payments. The total debt outstanding for Tourism Vancouver is \$108,380,284.54 through July 2013.

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, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-6097. 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 250-387-6097.

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 cursive script, appearing to read "CE FitzSimons".

Cheryl FitzSimons, Information and 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.