

ARCS: 292-30 File: AGR-2016-60521

March 24, 2016

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 Agriculture. Your request is for:

All records relating to the funding, including items and invoices of equipment purchased, for the \$170,000 funding provided to North of 49 Naturals by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the BC Ministry of Agriculture through the Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program under Growing Forward 2, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC. <a href="http://iafbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2014-Annual-Report\_web\_Mar-28.pdf">http://iafbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2014-Annual-Report\_web\_Mar-28.pdf</a>

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165\_00

During its search for records, the Ministry advised that further information regarding your request can be found at the following link:

 $\frac{http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/programs/innovation/innwebpage\_iaf\_projects\_oct2015.pdf$ 

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 electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release 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 Evan Lévesque, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2329. 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.

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,

on behalf of

Ken Bejcek, Manager

Resource 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.