



ARCS: 292-30
File: AGR-2016-61598
OIPC File: # F16-66938

September 6, 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:

Records, briefing notes, emails, meeting minutes, etc., on the decision to tender the agrologist and clerical support services positions within the Agriculture Wildlife Program (AWP) in the East Kootenay Area; Records of correspondence between the MLA for Kootenay East, representatives of the Kootenay Livestock Association, and/or Deputy Minister regarding the staffing of this program in the local area or the decision to tender the above positions. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 04/12/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA.

Additionally, information has been withheld that is not subject to FOIPPA. Pursuant to section 3 (1)(c) a record that is created by or for, or is in the custody of an officer of the Legislature and that relates to the exercise of that officer's functions under an Act. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

.../2

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Evan Levesque, the analyst assigned to your request, at . 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 .

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,

Evan Levesque, FOI Analyst
On behalf of Ken Bejcek, Manager
Resource Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

Cc: Justin Hodkinson, Investigator
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
--

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.