



ARCS: 292-30
File: CSC-2017-70707

April 27, 2017

Sent via email:

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 Community, Sport and Cultural Development. Your request is for:

Regarding statements made by Minister Fassbender and Minister Bond in their radio addresses and Facebook posts pertaining to the Village of McBride: Copies of all records referred to by Minister Bond in her Facebook post on the McBride Discussion Board around November 21, 2016 after the resignation of Councillors Reichert, Tracy and Bezanson, that she forwarded to Minister Fassbender for his fact-finding mission; All records sent by the three former councillors as stated in their subsequent statements, also including Ms. Enid Keir, former CFO of the Village of McBride; All records received by the Ministry as mentioned in Minister Fassbender's public statements that he received from the public that led to his fact-finding mission, the appointment of an independent Chief Election Officer, a municipal advisor and in relation to the McBride Community Forest. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/17/2016 To 02/14/2017)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Attached is the revised version of summary of issues raised in the complaint letters associated in the above noted file.

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- Many raised the concerns over the resignation of three Councillors in the Village of McBride (Village).
- Distress expressed regarding the resignation of four employees in the Village.
- Requesting a need to stabilize the current situation and an appeal for an investigation of both Village and the McBride Community Forest Corporation's (MCFC) financial situation.
- Concern raised with regards to Mayor Martin's role relating to MCFC.
- Expression of concern on the process to appoint two directors to the MCFC Board.
- Considering a lack of quorum, there is an expressed worry of the legal and financial liabilities for the Village.
- Due to the lack of quorum in the Village Council, there are stated concerns over the Mayor and the remaining Councillor being able to run the day to day operations of the Village.
- Villagers and surrounding citizens communicating a need for stable operations of the Village.
- Request for the appointment of an official to start a by-election process.

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 Jessie Shull, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2546. 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 778 698-2546.

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,

Jessie Shull

Jessie Shull, FOI Analyst
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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.