



ARCS: 292- 30  
File: FNR-2015-50722

June 26, 2015

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. You narrowed your request on May 4, 2015 through conversation and/or email with Ken Bejcek. Your request is for:

*Departmental records concerning the use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs or UASs (otherwise known as drones) or plans to acquire (or borrow) and use drones in the future, including requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations, policies, guidelines and manuals and the types of investigations or incidents in which the Ministry plans to use drones. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 04/13/2015)*

*The request was narrowed to seek only responsive records in the following branches - Corporate Initiatives, GeoBC, Wildlife Management and Compliance and Enforcement*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 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](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

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 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: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact John Wilson, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-5854. 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 250-356-5854.

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,

John Wilson

*On behalf of:*

Ken Bejcek, Manager  
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.