**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

February 1, 2021

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 Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Your request is for:

*Regarding the procurement of low level UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) flights of 2020 fires N61268 & N61276: List of proponents who submitted bids and price of their bids; Copy of Hummingbird drones SFOC and BVLOS; Copy of documentation/requirements showing explanation of why BCWS is now seeking BVLOS requirements for UAV work; Copy of documentation/requirements of why SAFE certification work is not required for this Fireline work. (Date Range for Record Search: From 8/1/2020 To 9/30/2020)*

Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 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/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Please note, the ministry has advised some of the records are outside of the date range requested; however, the ministry has provided the following records: Hummingbird Drones Inc. Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC) and "FLNRO Policy Regarding the Application of S.A.F.E. as an eligibility to bid or enter into contracts Dec 22, 2015".

The ministry has also proposed you contact Mark Karlstrom, Wildfire Preparedness Officer, BC Wildfire Services by email at Mark.Karlstrom@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 250 241-2879, to discuss the requirements for beyond visual line of sight.

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Your file is now closed.

The records located in response to your request will be delivered through the BC Secure File Transfer Service. Separate emails will follow from the BC SFT Notification Service directing you how to set up an account and where to obtain your records.  A guide for using the SFTS is enclosed for your convenience.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten 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 Juliane Letawske, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-0915.  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 250 387-0915.

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,

Juliane  Letawske, Senior FOI Analyst
On behalf of Matthew Prodan, Manager
Resource Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

# BC Government Secure File Transfer Service

## Information Access Operations Ad-Hoc User Guide

**Introduction**
The purpose of this document is to provide the basics skills required to use the Secure File Transfer Service (SFTS) as a temporary user (also known as ad-hoc). Your account has limited functionality and can only be used to receive files from an authorized BC Government user.

**How to Log on to the Service**
As a temporary user of the SFTS, you must be invited to use this service by being a recipient of a sent package from an authorized user. The first time a BC Government user has sent a package to you, you will receive a welcome email notification with a temporary password to set up your account and a link to the service.

Note that your temporary account's username is your email address. The password is a temporary one and will need to be changed upon the first login.

**Home Screen**
Once you are successfully logged in, you will see the Home screen with your records package in your Inbox. To download your records, simply click on the records package and then click on the Download button beside the file(s). You will be able to download the package up to five times and all packages will expire 35 days after being received.

**Troubleshooting**
Your temporary SFTS account has an expiration timer of 7 days, unless the account is logged into again or receives a new package. After a further 7 days after your account has been marked as expired, it will be deleted. You will need to have a new ad-hoc account created by being re-invited to the service.

Passwords expire after 90 days. If you have forgotten your password, but your account is still active, you can use the "Request a password change" link on the Login page. An email will be sent to you providing you the URL to confirm the password change.

If you encounter technical issues with the service, please call the technical support line at 250-387-7000 and select option 3. You will need to advise the representative that you are requesting assistance as an ad-hoc user of the BC Secure File Transfer Service.

| How to Request a Review with the |
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| 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.