



File: 292-30/FOR-2023-31235

June 21, 2023

**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. You requested:

Please provide a copy of ministerial briefing note number 273730 South Okanagan Bighorn Sheep disease diagnosis dated Feb 24 2023 (Date Range for Record Search: From 2/17/2023 To 3/2/2023)

Please be advised we normally respond to a request within 30 business days after its receipt. However, in limited circumstances this time limit may be extended under section 10 of FOIPPA, a copy of which is enclosed. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Thank you for consenting to an extension. We are extending the legislated due date by an additional 10 business days which will allow the Ministry to provide you with a complete response to your request. Therefore, the new response due date is now July 11, 2023. We will respond sooner if possible.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Judy Law, the analyst assigned to your request, at 236 478-4046. This number can also be reached toll-free at 1 833 283-8200.

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,

Judy Law

Judy Law, FOI Analyst
Information Access Operations

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| <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
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.

Extending the time limit for responding

10 (1) The head of a public body may extend the time for responding to a request for up to 30 days if one or more of the following apply:

- (a) the applicant does not give enough detail to enable the public body to identify a requested record;
- (b) a large number of records are requested or must be searched and meeting the time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the public body;
- (c) more time is needed to consult with a third party or other public body before the head can decide whether or not to give the applicant access to a requested record.
- (d) the applicant has consented, in the prescribed manner, to the extension.

(2) In addition to the authority under subsection (1), with the permission of the commissioner, the head of a public body may extend the time for responding to a request as follows:

- (a) if one or more of the circumstances described in subsection (1) (a) to (d) apply, for a period of longer than the 30 days permitted under that subsection;
- (b) if the commissioner otherwise considers that it is fair and reasonable to do so, as the commissioner considers appropriate.

(3) If the time for responding to a request is extended under this section, the head of the public body must tell the applicant

- (a) the reason for the extension,
- (b) when a response can be expected, and
- (c) in the case of an extension under subsection (1) (a) to (c), that the applicant may complain about the extension under section 42 (2) (b) or 60 (1) (a).