November 13, 2020

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 Attorney General. Your request is for:

Briefing notes, materials (e.g., powerpoints), and emails to and from ministers, deputy ministers, executive directors, and directors (including communications between, to, and from Treasury Board Staff not covered under cabinet confidentiality) related to (1) the purchase of the Comfort Inn Hotel at 3020 Blanshard Street, (2) the purchase of Paul's Motor Inn at 1900 Douglas Street, (3) the housing encampments for homeless individuals at Topaz Park, Beacon Hill Park, and Pandora Avenue, and (4) the processes, procedures, and practices by which individuals were (or are to be) invited to occupy these accommodations. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2020 To 6/5/2020)

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 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) 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

As per our email correspondence dated June 23, 2020, we have excluded privileged communications from these records.

Your file is now closed.

Use if records responsive to the request are available on the Open Information site: Additional records responsive to your request are available publically on the Open Information website here: insert URL/link that directs applicant to that response package on OI website.

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 Andrea Wentz, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-4314. 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 250 387-4314.

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,

Andrea Wentz, Senior FOI Analyst
On behalf of Justine Nisbet, Manager
Justice / Social 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
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.