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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 BC Coroners Service. Your request is for:

BC Coroners Service records on the number of suicides that have occurred in the Fraser Health region broken down by municipality, sex and age. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/25/2009 To 06/25/2019)

Below please find the data tables created in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. Please contact Andy.Watson@gov.bc.ca from the BC Coroners Service to provide context for the 2018/2019 numbers as they are considered incomplete due to cases still under investigation.

Fraser Health Suicide Deaths

The data includes all deaths classified as suicide between June 25, 2009 and June 25, 2019 in the Fraser Health Authority region. Suicide is defined as death resulting from self-inflicted injury, with the intent to cause death.

Data Limitation

**Please note that the 2018 and 2019 data represent completed investigations only. The data for these years is incomplete and the numbers will change as further investigations are completed for those years.*

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As the BCCS operates in a live database environment, the data is considered preliminary and subject to change. These data tables were compiled by date of death, which may differ from the date of injury. In some cases, the death may occur months or years subsequent to injury. These statistics may vary from those reported by other agencies because of differences in data definitions or reporting standards.

Table 1. Suicide Deaths in the Fraser Health Region by Sex												
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	*2018	*2019	Total
Female	18	23	38	41	30	45	36	54	35	27	2	349
Male	56	107	113	111	119	144	137	116	116	87	17	1123
Total	74	130	151	152	149	189	173	170	151	114	19	1472

Table 2. Suicide Deaths in the Fraser Health Region by Age Group, 2009-2019												
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	*2018	*2019	Total
10-18	-	9	7	12	4	5	7	5	4	7	1	61
19-29	15	20	26	15	22	20	27	33	23	21	1	223
30-39	15	22	23	22	27	26	21	23	21	14	4	218
40-49	15	24	27	30	27	35	24	27	35	21	4	269
50-59	16	29	33	37	33	48	49	32	26	28	2	333
60-69	7	7	21	18	18	25	23	31	22	12	3	187
70-79	4	11	6	9	10	19	11	9	14	10	3	106
80-89	1	7	7	7	7	8	11	8	5	1	1	63
90+	1	1	1	2	1	3	-	2	1	-	-	12
Total	74	130	151	152	149	189	173	170	151	114	19	1472

Table 3. Suicide Deaths in the Fraser Health Region by Townships of Injury, 2009-2019	
	Total
Surrey	379
Burnaby	187
Coquitlam	124
Langley	119
Abbotsford	115
Chilliwack & Cultus Lake	101
Maple Ridge	86
Delta	81
New Westminster	80
Mission & Surrounding Areas	59
Port Coquitlam	35
Hope - Boston Bar	31

Kent-Agassiz-Harrison	27
White Rock	20
Port Moody	14
Pitt Meadows	14
Total	1472

Your request is now closed.

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 Samara Fisher, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 953-3622. 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 250 953-3622.

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,



Samara Fisher, Senior FOI Analyst
On behalf of Cindy Kukucska, Manager
Justice / Social Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosure

<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.