



File: 292-30/OCC-2021-13383

September 1, 2021

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 (BCCS). Your request is for:

Regarding the BC Coroner's Office: All policies and procedures related to who is allowed or prohibited from being present in the room where an autopsy or post-mortem is being conducted, apart from the coroner. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2018 To 7/21/2021)

The BCCS provided the policy outlined below:

As the autopsy occurs under the authority of the Coroner, only those individuals authorized by the Coroner may attend the autopsy. In suspicious deaths this is limited to the designated police representatives, pathologist, a pathology assistant, or another expert approved by the Coroner. A coroner may also be requested to attend an autopsy being conducted by a non BCCS pathologist, at the discretion of the Unit Director.

Your file is now closed.

This policy 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

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Nicola Lutte, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-2877. 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 250 387-2877.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N. Lutte', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Nicola Lutte, Senior FOI Analyst
On behalf of Darlene Kotchonoski, Manager
Justice / Health, 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.