



File: 292-30/OCC-2021-13385

September 3, 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 reporting requirements. Namely, any requirements for the coroner to report findings or updates regarding an autopsy to law enforcement officials (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2018 To 7/21/2021)*

The BCCS provided the policy outlined below:

***Police Agencies/ Independent Investigations Office (IIO)/ WorkSafeBC/ Transportation Safety Board*** - the preliminary results of an autopsy and/or toxicology testing may be shared verbally with police or other authorized investigators when necessary or incidental to an investigation, inquest or review. This will occur when the police, IIO, WorkSafeBC or Transportation Safety Board are conducting a parallel investigation into the death and the results of their investigation will assist the coroner, inquest jury or review with their determinations. If requested in writing, a copy of the final autopsy and/or toxicology report will be provided to the police, IIO, WorkSafeBC or Transportation Safety Board when necessary to assist an **open** coroner's investigation, inquest or review.

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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](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation)

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 'Nicola Lutte', is positioned above the typed name.

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.