

ARCS: 292-30 File: PSS-2019-90563

March 19, 2019

Sent via email:

## to Records Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Your request is for:

Any and all records relating to the Jan 9, 2019 crash of a Certarus HAZMAT truck on Hwy 3 near Princeton, BC, including, but not limited to, photos, video, emails, text messages, letters, faxes, accident reports, incident reports, hazardous materials reports, vehicle inspections, attachments, exhibits, follow-up requests & responses, submittals to other agencies, violations issued. (Date Range for Record Search: From: 01/09/2019 To: 01/21/2019)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) and 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations) of FOIPPA. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Your file is now closed.

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Fax: 250 387-9843

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: <a href="https://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation">www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation</a>

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

**Enclosures** 

# 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.

### From the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Current to May 18, 2016)

#### **Section 15 - Disclosure harmful to law enforcement**

- (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to
  - (a) harm a law enforcement matter,
  - (b) prejudice the defence of Canada or of any foreign state allied to or associated with Canada or harm the detection, prevention or suppression of espionage, sabotage or terrorism,
  - (c) harm the effectiveness of investigative techniques and procedures currently used, or likely to be used, in law enforcement,
  - (d) reveal the identity of a confidential source of law enforcement information,
  - (e) reveal criminal intelligence that has a reasonable connection with the detection, prevention or suppression of organized criminal activities or of serious and repetitive criminal activities.
  - (f) endanger the life or physical safety of a law enforcement officer or any other person,
  - (g) reveal any information relating to or used in the exercise of prosecutorial discretion,
  - (h) deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or impartial adjudication,
  - (i) reveal a record that has been confiscated from a person by a peace officer in accordance with an enactment,
  - (j) facilitate the escape from custody of a person who is under lawful detention,
  - (k) facilitate the commission of an offence under an enactment of British Columbia or Canada, or
  - (l) harm the security of any property or system, including a building, a vehicle, a computer system or a communications system.
- (2) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the information
  - (a) is in a law enforcement record and the disclosure would be an offence under an Act of Parliament,
  - (b) is in a law enforcement record and the disclosure could reasonably be expected to expose to civil liability the author of the record or a person who has been quoted or paraphrased in the record, or
  - (c) is about the history, supervision or release of a person who is in custody or under supervision and the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the proper custody or supervision of that person.
- (3) The head of a public body must not refuse to disclose under this section
  - (a) a report prepared in the course of routine inspections by an agency that is authorized to enforce compliance with an Act,
  - (b) a report, including statistical analysis, on the degree of success achieved in a law enforcement program or activity unless disclosure of the report could reasonably be expected to interfere with or harm any of the matters referred to in subsection (1) or (2), or
  - (c) statistical information on decisions under the *Crown Counsel Act* to approve or not to approve prosecutions.

- (4) The head of a public body must not refuse, after a police investigation is completed, to disclose under this section the reasons for a decision not to prosecute
  - (a) to a person who knew of and was significantly interested in the investigation, including a victim or a relative or friend of a victim, or
  - (b) to any other member of the public, if the fact of the investigation was made public.

#### Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations

- **16** (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to
  - (a) harm the conduct by the government of British Columbia of relations between that government and any of the following or their agencies:
    - (i) the government of Canada or a province of Canada;
    - (ii) the council of a municipality or the board of a regional district;
    - (iii) an aboriginal government;
    - (iv) the government of a foreign state;
    - (v) an international organization of states,
  - (b) reveal information received in confidence from a government, council or organization listed in paragraph (a) or their agencies, or
  - (c) harm the conduct of negotiations relating to aboriginal self government or treaties.
  - (2) Moreover, the head of a public body must not disclose information referred to in subsection (1) without the consent of
    - (a) the Attorney General, for law enforcement information, or
    - (b) the Executive Council, for any other type of information.
  - (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to information that is in a record that has been in existence for 15 or more years unless the information is law enforcement information.