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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 Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture. Your request is for:

Records which justify Ravi Kahlon's statement in the the November 21, 2019 Vancouver Star article by Cherise Seucharan, "B.C. introduces 'hub and spoke' network for combating 'disturbing' incidents of hate". Quote: "Travelling across the province this summer to speak to communities about hate has made one thing clear to B.C. MLA Ravi Kahlon: the government needs to act. "What we heard was quite disturbing; lots of incidents of racism, hate, and hate groups starting to organized in communities throughout the province," Kahlon told the Star Vancouver on Thursday. "People are afraid and people are anxious, and they made it clear they want leadership from the province on this." " For more clarity, please provide any briefing notes, policy papers or decision notes not otherwise made public and which provide the rationale for the \$540,000 Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network; and also any records submitted to Mr. Kahlon that describe hate groups starting to organize in communities through the province. (Date Range for Record Search: From 7/1/2019 To 11/22/2019)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

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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 at 778 698-2327. 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 778 698-2327.

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 "Kelly Harms", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelly Harms, Senior FOI Analyst
On behalf of Ken Bejcek, Manager
Business and Infrastructure Team, 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.