

ARCS: 292-30 File: TRA-2017-70641

May 8, 2017

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 Transportation and Infrastructure. Your request was for:

A copy of the current winter road maintenance contract between the Ministry and Cypress Mountain Resort for Cypress Bowl Road; A copy of the current winter road maintenance contract between the Ministry and Mt. Seymour Resorts Ltd for Mt. Seymour Road.

Your request was previously closed on March 13th, 2017 and you were directed to publically available information on the Government of British Columbia web site. The Ministry wishes to advise that in addition to the two publically available links previously provided, they are making available the specific winter road maintenance contract documents.

Please find enclosed a copy of these records located in further response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety.

As per our telephone conversation of March 13th, the Ministry has provided the following answers to your questions as outlined below:

- Question #1: Please provide the company name that the Ministry is paying to complete the winter road maintenance work. Answer: SA04 Maintenance Contractor is Mainroad Howe Sound Contracting LP.
- **Question #2: Please provide the monetary value of contract?** Answer: For this information it is recommended you contact the ski resort directly.
- Question #3: Are there any deviations from the publically available Maintenance Specification Chapter 3-300, specifically tailored to Cypress and Mount Seymour? Answer: LAS #7 removes Cypress Bowl Road and Mt Seymour Road from the Ministry's agreement with Mainroad in regard only to winter maintenance. So technically, there is no deviation as Chapter 3-300 does not apply to the roads/areas identified in the LAS.

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- Question #4: Are there any standards that are different from other highways winter road maintenance related to hours of operations? Answer: See answer to question #3.
- Question #5: Observation that highway is closed at night.

Answer: Regarding night time highway closure, the Mount Seymour section of the BC Parks web site advises that the park gate is closed from 10pm until 7am every day during the winter months until April 30th (<u>http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/mt_seymour/</u>). For further questions related to this question, you may wish to contact BC Parks directly (http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/info/feedback.html).

• Is there any other information in the contract specific to these roads? Answer: We have included Articles 6 & 7 with your response package.

Please note that additional responsive records, including the Maintenance Standard – Highway Snow Removal (1994) and the Cypress Bowl Amending Agreement (Mar 30, 2004) have previously been made public under FOI Request TRA-2016-65250, available publically on the Open Information website:

(http://www2.gov.bc.ca/enSearch/detail?id=26EE74C124B8476EA280E7A3C823A2D8&recorduid =TRA-2016-65250):

If you have further questions, you will find a list of Ministry contacts regarding maintenance contracts by service area at the following link:

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/contracting-totransportation/highway-bridge-maintenance/highway-maintenance/contacts

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five 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 me at 250 387-1371. 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 250 387-1371.

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,

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Dave Kotorynski, FOI Analyst Business and Infrastructure 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.