From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX; McCabe, Kate MAH:EX; Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX; Kubisheski, Carlee MAH:EX; Hitchen,

Daniel MAH:EX

 Cc:
 Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

 Subject:
 RE: Silver Star Caller

 Date:
 March 15, 2019 2:37:00 PM

Hello everyone,

Letting you know that \$.22 just called me back after I left her a voicemail earlier.

We spoke, I went over the letter contents, and provided her an update that a package from the Task Force has been received but that no decision was before the Minister yet.

I noticed that the email sent to her had an address typo in it, so her Feb 19, 2019 letter was resent to her by Brent just now.

Have a great weekend,

Dianna Porter | Senior Program Analyst

Governance and Structure Branch | Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ph: 778-698-3213

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX Sent: March 14, 2019 11:28 AM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX <Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX <Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca>; McCabe, Kate MAH:EX <Kate.McCabe@gov.bc.ca>; Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX <Ian.Patrucco@gov.bc.ca>; Kubisheski, Carlee MAH:EX <Carlee.Kubisheski@gov.bc.ca>;

Hitchen, Daniel MAH:EX < Daniel. Hitchen@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Silver Star Caller

Hi All,

Will call her back.

Cheers.

Dianna Porter | Senior Program Analyst

Governance and Structure Branch | Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ph: 778-698-3213

From: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX Sent: March 14, 2019 10:44 AM

To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX <<u>Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX <<u>Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca</u>>; McCabe, Kate MAH:EX <<u>Kate.McCabe@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX <<u>Ian.Patrucco@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Kubisheski, Carlee MAH:EX <<u>Carlee.Kubisheski@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Hitchen, Daniel MAH:EX <<u>Daniel.Hitchen@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: Silver Star Caller

Hi there – Dianna can you please call this person back – we can chat in advance.

For the record folks, please find attached our written reply back to this caller sent February 19.

The proposal to establish a resort association at Silver Star s.13 s.13

In future, please consider encouraging folks to write us back through our generic inbox: LGgovernance@gov.bc.ca.

Cheers ~ Brent

From: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX Sent: March 14, 2019 10:13 AM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX < Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

<<u>Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca</u>> **Subiect:** FW: Caller - s.22

Brent and Dianna, second request. Here you go.

From: Hitchen, Daniel MAH:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:58 AM

To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX <<u>Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Cc: McCabe, Kate MAH:EX < Kate.McCabe@gov.bc.ca>; Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

<lan.Patrucco@gov.bc.ca>; Kubisheski, Carlee MAH:EX < Carlee.Kubisheski@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Caller - s.22

Hi Ana, ^{s.22} just called back and said that no one has got a hold of her yet. I see from our records that this was sent to the wrong person somewhere down the line, so maybe it was lost in that confusion? At any rate, could someone please give her a call back?

Thank you.

Dan

From: Hitchen, Daniel MAH:EX **Sent:** February 26, 2019 12:54 PM

To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX < Ana. Andrade@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: Kubisheski, Carlee MAH:EX < Carlee.Kubisheski@gov.bc.ca >; Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

<lan.Patrucco@gov.bc.ca>; Johnson, Tracey MAH:EX <Tracey.T.Johnson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Caller - s.22

s.22

Good afternoon:

Just received a call from ^{\$.22} with regards to a letter she sent about the Silver Star petition. She was sent an acknowledgment of receipt of her letter on January 16th but has not received a response yet. After I explained that it can sometimes take a while to receive a written response and that a call back is generally much quicker, she has opted for the phone call and is hoping someone with knowledge of Silver Star can reach out to her.

Thank you.

Dan Hitchen | A/Documents Coordinator Deputy Minister's Office Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing From: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

To: \$<u>.22</u>

Subject: FW: Silver Star Resort Area Association Petition

Date: March 15, 2019 2:30:41 PM

Hello ^{s.22} – I believe my colleague Dianna just spoke with you. She has helped to clarify that I was mistaken when I sent our original email response to you. My apologies.

While this is getting to you much later than I planned, I am pleased to forward to you now.

Sincerely,

Brent Mueller, MA

Director, Governance Relations, Governance and Structure Branch Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Province of British Columbia (778) 698-3220

From: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX Sent: February 19, 2019 4:18 PM

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, MAH MAH:EX < MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca > **Subject:** RE: Silver Star Resort Area Association Petition

Ref: 243604

s.22

Email: s.22

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email sent to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ministry staff, expressing your concern regarding the petition process for the potential establishment of a resort association at Silver Star. As Director, Governance Relations, I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Ministry.

The Silver Star Marketing Task Force (Task Force) is responsible for conducting the petition process. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's role has been to provide guidance and to answer questions from the Task Force, members of the public, and stakeholders about the legislative framework. There is currently no resort association proposal before the Minister and Ministry staff is unaware of when a proposal may be submitted.

I appreciate that you have concerns that members of the Task Force were responsible for contacting

property owners. The decision to complete a petition, or not, was the responsibility of owners.

While there are no legislated timelines for the completion of the process, the Ministry has been advising that the conduct of the petition process should be within a reasonable time frame. The decision about a deadline for the process was the responsibility of the Task Force.

I also note that you are concerned about "the appropriateness of allowing the beneficiaries of the petition process to access the returned petitions". The Task Force is responsible for the management of the process and the guidance the Ministry has provided is for the Task Force to carry out this responsibility in a fair and transparent manner.

The legislation requires the support of at least 50% of property owners representing 50% of the assessed value of properties within the resort promotion area before a proposal can come to the Minister for consideration. If the proposal meets the required threshold, it will be up to the Task Force to make a request to the Ministry for approval of the proposal.

At the time of request, the Task Force would need to provide information about the processes used and include evidence of a valid and sufficient petition outcome, for the Minister to review and make a final decision. Additionally, the Minister will consider other relevant information, including views expressed from those in favour of and opposed to the proposal.

Thank you again for writing and I assure you that your concerns have been heard.

Sincerely,
Brent Mueller
Director of Governance Relations

From: S.22

Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 9:10 PM To: Dawes, Jacquie MAH:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX Subject: Silver Star Resort Area Association Petition

Good morning, Honorable Member Robinson and Deputy Minister Dawes

I am writing because of my concerns about the petition process for the proposed Silver Star Resort Area Association. I am member of the Silver Star Community and am disappointed how the handling of this initiative has divided the community.

I have two concerns.

My first concern is that the petition process was not kept confidential, in that the returned petitions were monitored by the members of the Task Force. This was evident as the Task Force members contacted property owners that did not promptly return their petitions. Obviously, the petitions are not confidential, as there will be a requirement to match the "yes" votes to property addresses and related values, but it seems inappropriate to have allowed the Task Force members to monitor the return of the petitions. This suggests a possibility that some petitions were returned as "yes" due to pressure from Task Force members, rather than genuine support for the Resort Area Association.

I would like your office to consider the appropriateness of allowing the beneficiaries of the petition process to access the returned petitions; to review how this was possible, and make changes in the petition process to ensure this does not occur in future resort area association applications. Also, please consider if this access to the returned petitions has invalidated this petition process altogether, requiring the Task Force to initiate a second petition in such manner that the Task Force members would be independent of the petitioning process and results.

My second concern is that the November 18, 2018 deadline for petitions to be returned may be ignored and late petitions may be counted, I have been told that Task Force members continued to lobby property owners who did not return their "yes" petition by the November 18, 2018 deadline, and the Task Force members have assured these property owners that "yes" petitions received after the November 18, 2018 deadline would be counted.

I would like to be reassured that the petition process was sufficiently robust as far as the dating of receipt of the petitions, and with unbiased oversight, so that petitions received late would not be counted.

Based on my two foregoing concerns, I would like your ministry to consider whether this petition process should be declared void because of the opportunity provided and taken advantage of by the Task Force, to unduly influence the outcome of the petition process, in fact or in appearance.

Yours truly,

s.22

From: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX

To: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX; FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX
Cc: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91472 (Silver Star Petition Package): Pls respond by

March 19

Date: March 14, 2019 3:27:32 PM

Thanks Dianna, received. I'll make sure we send our harms to you for review when they are available.

John

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 12:50 PM

To: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX

Cc: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91472 (Silver Star Petition Package):

Pls respond by March 19

Hi there,

In response to the request below attached is the "package"

It includes:

the Petition,

proposed Promotional Area Maps

Resort Land Maps, all other Maps

Verification and Certification.

As well as the proposed bylaws (these were not requested by the applicant but separating them out would have resulted in spending more time on scanning the package)

It DOES NOT include:

the completed Property Owners Petition

The completed Property Owners Petition were not submitted to the Ministry. These records are not in the custody or control of the Provincial Government at this time.

Please note that 2.5 hours were spent scanning the package (original large binder with tabs) and collating it.

We are asking that the FOI office **when considering harms**, s.13 s.13

As this is such a large file please confirm receipt of it, and we are hoping to have a 'harms considered' final copy returned to us (Brent / Dianna) so that if future inquiries come in (separate from the FOI process) we are able to distribute.

If this last part is unclear please let us know.

Cheers,

Dianna Porter | Senior Program Analyst

Governance and Structure Branch | Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ph: 778-698-3213

From: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX Sent: March 12, 2019 10:56 AM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX <Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

<Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91472 (Silver Star Petition Package)

: Pls respond by March 19

Brent and Dianna, please see below and let me know.

Thank you.

From: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX **Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:58 AM

To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX < Ana. Andrade@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX < FOI.Inbox@gov.bc.ca >; Gedney, Vanessa R MAH:EX

<<u>Vanessa.Gedney@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX <<u>Ian.Patrucco@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Kubisheski, Carlee

MAH:EX < Carlee. Kubisheski@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91472 (Silver Star Petition Package) : Pls

respond by March 19

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) has received the following new request (applicant type: Individual):

I am requesting the Petition to establish Silver Star Resort Association, including all documentation submitted by the proponent, including but not limited to "the Package", the Petition, the completed Property Owners Petition, proposed Promotional Area Maps, Resort Land Maps, all other Maps, Verification and Certification. In an effort to reduce the work involved I do not require the proposed By Laws. (Date Range for Record Search: From 02/01/2019 To 03/08/2019).

Please note:

- This is similar to previous requests (MAH-2018-83493 | MAH-2018-86385 | MAH-2018-87415 | MAH-2018-87416 | MAH-2019-90730 (was withdrawn))
- Intake contacted the applicant by phone March 8 to let them know that the records aren't yet available. Applicant did not agree to withdraw this request as they have been told by the proponents that the petition has been filed. The applicant notes that OIPC Order F 15-21, for

- a similar petition is a precedent for a full disclosure.
- If you believe this Call for Records should be directed to someone other than those it has been addressed, please advise.
- If you have responsive records, please combine them into one clean pdf, and provide a second pdf version with program area harms highlighted and rationale.
- If you expect this search for records to take more than 3 hours, please do not proceed. Contact our office immediately.

Please forward the responsive records to our team FOI inbox at FOI.Inbox@gov.bc.ca

Response is requested by: **Tuesday March 19, 2019,** if possible.

Thank you.

Joshua Galbraith

FOI Analyst
Information Management and Strategic Initiatives,
Management Services Division
Ph: 778 698-1314 - e: Joshua.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca

Providing services to: The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, the Ministry of Labour, and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

From: Elliott, Rebecca MAH:EX

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Subject: Silver star task force uploaded Date: March 13, 2019 3:18:15 PM

Hi Brent and Dianna,

I have scanned and edited the Binder for the Silver Star Marketing Task force. I Saved it here: I:\Governance Structure\Governance Relations\Resort Associations\Silver Star\Submission Package 2019\Silver Star Marketing Task Force Binder.pdf

It took about 2.5 hours total to scan and edit (it kept crashing every 150 pages when editing). Some pages because they had too much stuff on them could not be edited with out messing up but the scan went in straight anyway so the editing was just to make everything look really nice.

Let me know if you have questions.

Thank you

Rebecca Elliott

Administrative Assistant | Governance and Structure Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

Phone: 778-974-3605 | Fax: 250-387-7972 | Email: Rebecca. Elliott@gov.bc.ca



Please consider the environment before printing this email

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX
To: Walker, Alexa GCPE:EX

Cc: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX; Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX

Subject: RE: Silver Star IN

Date: March 13, 2019 2:38:00 PM

Attachments: IN Silver Star Mountain Resort FNL DP March 13 update NM reviewd.docx

Hi Alexa,

I'm pleased to present the most recently updated IBN note for Silver Star, Brent and Nicola have signed off on.

Amongst other items, updated the FOI request #'s to the best of my knowledge.

Cheers.

Dianna Porter | Senior Program Analyst

Governance and Structure Branch | Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ph: 778-698-3213

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX Sent: March 4, 2019 5:21 PM

To: Walker, Alexa GCPE:EX <Alexa.Walker@gov.bc.ca> **Cc:** Mueller, Brent MAH:EX <Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Silver Star IN

Hi Alexa,

Thank-you. As an FYI here is what we sent back acknowledging receipt of the package. s.14

Dianna Porter | Senior Program Analyst

Governance and Structure Branch | Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ph: 778-698-3213

From: Walker, Alexa GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 3:24 PM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX Cc: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX Subject: Silver Star IN

Hi Brent and Dianna,

As discussed, I've attached the IN for Silver Star. Let me know how discussions go over the next few days and we can touch base on IN updates towards the end of the week.

I'll stay tuned for the updated UBID issue note as well.

Thanks,

Alexa

Alexa Walker | Public Affairs Officer Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Government Communications and Public Engagement

Mobile: 250 361 - 8136

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Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

 From:
 FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX

 To:
 Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

 Cc:
 Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies): Due ASAP

Date: March 11, 2019 4:00:04 PM

Perfect, thank you!

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:50 PM

To: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies):

Due ASAP

Hi John,

Given I'm fairly new to compiling a request of this volume my estimate is that 25 hours would be spent in the searching / reading to see if records fit the criteria below and 5 hours compiling.

Thanks, Dianna

From: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX **Sent:** March 11, 2019 3:45 PM

To: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX < Dianna. Porter@gov.bc.ca>; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

<Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX <FOI.Inbox@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies):

Due ASAP

Further to this, can you advise approximately how many of the 30 hours would be allocated for search, and how many for preparation (scanning, reviewing for responsiveness)? We need to split these numbers up in the estimate. Typically more hours go into the search time.

Thanks again.

John

From: Flatman, John MAH:EX

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:15 PM

To: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Cc: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies):

Due ASAP

Ok thanks for letting me know. I'll put the file on hold until the applicant responds to the fee estimate. I'll let you know if they pay the fees and if you need to gather.

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:14 PM

To: Flatman, John MAH:EX; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies):

Due ASAP

Hi John,

Sorry for not getting back to you with this. It is definitely going to take longer than 3 hours. I'd estimate 30 hours of going through the folders scanning and compiling the information.

Thanks, Dianna

From: Flatman, John MAH:EX Sent: March 7, 2019 3:03 PM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX < <u>Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

<<u>Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies):

Due ASAP

Ok, Thanks!

DMO has 8.5 hours quoted so far, FYI.

John

From: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:57 PM

To: Flatman, John MAH:EX; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies):

Due ASAP

Hey John – this is a huge request if we are taking all correspondence. And this goes back to before my time here. Dianna – can you look at what we have on the I drive and see if you can provide an estimate tomorrow to John?

Cheers ~ Brent

From: Flatman, John MAH:EX Sent: March 7, 2019 2:48 PM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX < Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX < <u>Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Galbraith, Joshua MAH:EX

<<u>Joshua.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX <<u>Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX <<u>Nicola.Marotz@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies) : Due ASAP

Hi Brent,

At this point, there is no need to gather records as we are estimating fees to put this file on hold until the applicant pays a deposit. Do you have a rough estimate of how long it would take to gather and prepare the records?

Thanks,

John

From: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:46 PM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX; Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX; Flatman, John MAH:EX

Cc: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX; Galbraith, Joshua MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies):

Due ASAP

John, please see below.

From: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:42 PM

To: Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX < <u>Nicola.Marotz@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX

<<u>Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Cc: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX < <u>Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Galbraith, Joshua MAH:EX

<Joshua.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies) :

Due ASAP

Hi there – yes this would be us. Apologies if we missed this earlier but the deadline has already passed. Realistically this is going to take some time to pull the documents together.

Can we get a revised timeline?

Cheers ~ Brent

From: Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX Sent: March 7, 2019 1:47 PM

To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX <<u>Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Brooks, Jessica MAH:EX <<u>Jessica.Brooks@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Edwards, Liam MAH:EX <<u>Liam.Edwards@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Paget, Gary MAH:EX <<u>Gary.Paget@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Schmidt, Birgit MAH:EX <<u>Birgit.Schmidt@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Mueller,

Brent MAH:EX < Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies):

Due ASAP

Thanks Ana -- this is likely to be mostly in Brent's area. Cheers Nicola

From: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX Sent: March 7, 2019 1:03 PM

To: Brooks, Jessica MAH:EX < <u>Jessica.Brooks@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Edwards, Liam MAH:EX < <u>Liam.Edwards@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX < <u>Nicola.Marotz@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Paget, Gary

MAH:EX <<u>Gary.Paget@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Schmidt, Birgit MAH:EX <<u>Birgit.Schmidt@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: FW: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91067 (Resort Association Policies)

: Due ASAP

To all of LGD Executives, please let me know if you have any records for this request, if there multiple records, send me the approximate number of hours LGD would need to search & prepare these records.

Thank you.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) has received the following new request (applicant type: Individual):

All policies with respect to Resort Associations, the Resort Associations Act and the Community Charter Act as it applies to the Resort Association Act, including all other policies, correspondence and documents related to these Acts. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 02/20/2019)

Please note:

- This is the same applicant as MAH-2019-90635.
- If you believe this Call for Records should be directed to someone other than those it has been addressed, please advise.
- If you have responsive records, please combine them into one clean pdf, and provide a second pdf version with program area harms highlighted and rationale.
- If you expect this search for records to take more than 3 hours, please do not proceed. Contact our office immediately.

Please forward the responsive records to our team FOI inbox at FOI.lnbox@gov.bc.ca

Response is requested by: **Tuesday March 5, 2019,** if possible.

Thank you.

Joshua Galbraith

FOI Analyst

Information Management and Strategic Initiatives, Management Services Division

Ph: 778 698-1314 - e: Joshua.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca

Providing services to: The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, the Ministry of Labour, and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX
To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Subject: UPDATE GIVEN: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635

Date: March 21, 2019 4:45:00 PM

FYI Brent, I've looped Nicola in, advised Ana it's coming, and also let Nicola know s.14

FYI It can take up to 3 months to get the material up on the FOI website so if we do receive an informal request at some point that could be the reminder to make a request to have it on the website faster s.13

Cheers, Dianna

From: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX **Sent:** March 21, 2019 3:43 PM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX <Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

<Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX <Nicola.Marotz@gov.bc.ca>; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX <Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca>; Hudson, Vicki MAH:EX <Vicki.Hudson@gov.bc.ca> **Subject:** April 2: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635

Thanks to you both.

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has given us a date of April 2 which the Ministry must respond to the applicant by. Shari will be putting the file into sign off shorty and hopefully we can get everything approved quickly.

John Flatman

A/Manager

Information Management and Strategic Initiatives,

Management Services Division

Ph: 778 698-3505| e: John.Flatman@gov.bc.ca

Providing services to: The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, the Ministry of Labour, and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

From: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:13 PM

To: Flatman, John MAH:EX; Hudson, Vicki MAH:EX

Cc: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX; Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX

Subject: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635 (Resort Association Application

Policy): Pls respond by February 12

Importance: High

Hi John and Vicki – thanks for the discussion with us yesterday to clarify what specifically was needed in response to this request. This helped us finalize our search that was taking a lot of time and effort.

We apologize for the delay.

Please see the attached records that represent the most current and closest things we have to "written policy." The search for **policies as described in an email from Dannie Carson of MAH to Paddy Juniper, Regional District North Okanagan in January 2018** has been completed and has taken 5 hours (not 15 as previously estimated).

Page 5 of the attached .pdf refers to "s.13 s.13

In relation to this request we would like to note:

- The Province of British Columbia has established a legislative framework for local governments that recognizes they are democratically elected, autonomous, responsible and accountable within their jurisdiction.
- The *Resort Association Act* does not stipulate that a local government must certify and the Province does not have a role mandating a local government to certify for purposes under the *Resort Association Act*.
- The Ministry has materials, based on the legislation which is our guide, that explains that
 proponents are responsible for conducting the petition process including getting a third party
 to validate and certify the results. This can be the local government, but that is not
 mandatory.
- The BC <u>Resort Associations webpage</u> provides links to the legislation and additional information.

Thank you

Brent Mueller

Brent Mueller, MA

Director, Governance Relations, Governance and Structure Branch Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Province of British Columbia (778) 698-3220

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX Sent: March 18, 2019 5:18 PM

To: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX < FOI.lnbox@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Hudson, Vicki MAH:EX < Vicki. Hudson@gov.bc.ca >; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

<Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635 (Resort Association

Application Policy): Pls respond by February 12

Hi John,

In response to the request below:

A copy of the following policies as described in an email from Dannie Carson of MAH to Paddy Juniper, Regional District North Okanagan in January 2018: The policy that it is not mandatory that local government certify the Petition in a Resort Association application; The policy that the proponent take responsibility for undertaking the petition process in a Resort Association application. (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/14/2015 To 01/31/2019).

Please see the attached records that represent the most current written policy.

In relation to this request we would like to note:

- The Province of British Columbia has established a legislative framework for local governments that recognizes they are democratically elected, autonomous, responsible and accountable within their jurisdiction. The *Resort Association Act* does not stipulate that a local government must certify and the Province does not have a role mandating a local government to certify for purposes under the *Resort Association Act*.
- The Ministry has materials, based on the legislation which is our guide, that explains that
 proponents are responsible for conducting the petition process including getting a third party
 to validate and certify the results. This can be the local government, but that is not
 mandatory.
- The BC <u>Resort Associations webpage</u> provides links to the legislation and additional information.

In order to ensure no additional records are missed, will require (& has so far required) going through a variety of records created by previous staff at MAH. This likely will not result in new information or in excess of 200 pages, but does require a large volume of time to review (estimate at least 15 hours), and is the only way to verify this assumption that the documents attached are the written policy found on file to date. Page 5 of the attached .pdf refers to 's.13 s.13

It is our understanding that **MAH-2019-91067** is a request by the same applicant that overlaps this request (**MAH-2019-90635**) and that the attached represent this more general policy request as well.

Please let us know if we should continue to proceed with reviewing the files to verify our current assumptions as they pertain to 2019-91067 as additional time beyond the 3 hours will be required.

Cheers, Dianna **From:** FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX **Sent:** March 18, 2019 3:17 PM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX < <u>Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

<<u>Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca</u>>

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Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635 (Resort Association

Application Policy): Pls respond by February 12

Hi Diana and Brent.

The Legislated Due Date to the applicant <u>is today</u> and they have been following up frequently. We can potentially extend if we know whether there are consultations required or if the records are over 200 pages. Can you please let us know asap?

Thank you,

John

From: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:30 PM
To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX
Cc: Hudson, Vicki MAH:EX; FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635 (Resort Association Application

Policy): Pls respond by February 12

Hi Brent. Will there be a high volume of records (over 200 pages) or any consultation required? We will need this info to extend the Legislated Due Date.

Thanks.

John

From: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 11:18 AM

To: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Cc: Flatman, John MAH:EX; Hudson, Vicki MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635 (Resort Association Application

Policy): Pls respond by February 12

Hi there – thanks Dianna. I think we are getting there – please see my suggested changes.

Before we finalize, I think we need to take a closer look at some of the materials in our folder. I found a few old documents that are not policy per se, more backgrounders, but they could help the

applicant and should be released.

For example, see attached.

John and Vicki – sending just fyi at this point.

Cheers ~ Brent

From: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 4:10 PM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Cc: Kubisheski, Carlee MAH:EX

Subject: FW: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635 (Resort Association Application

Policy): Pls respond by February 12

Hi Brent over to you. Please confirm if you think any other program areas will have records for this request.

From: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 3:59 PM

To: Gedney, Vanessa R MAH:EX; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX

Cc: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX; White, Joanna MAH:EX; Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX; Kubisheski, Carlee

MAH:EX; Curtis, David MAH:EX

Subject: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-90635 (Resort Association Application

Policy): Pls respond by February 12

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) has received the following new request (applicant type: Individual):

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Please note:

- The email referenced is attached with the portions referred to in green. This page was extracted from previous FOI request MAH-2018-83493 (Silver Star).
- If you have responsive records, please combine them into one clean pdf, and provide a second pdf version with program area harms highlighted and rationale.
- If you expect this search for records to take more than 3 hours, please do not proceed. Contact our office immediately.

Please forward the responsive records to our team FOI inbox at FOI.lnbox@gov.bc.ca

Response is requested by: Tuesday February 12, 2019, if possible.

Thank you.

Joshua Galbraith

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From: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, MAH MAH:EX

Subject: RE: Silver Star Resort Association
Date: March 21, 2019 11:14:17 AM

Ref: 244650

s.22

cc: MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email sent to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ministry staff, expressing your concerns about the potential establishment of a resort association at Silver Star. As Director, Governance Relations, I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Ministry.

By now you should have received correspondence sent February 13, 2019 addressing your Jan 16, 2019 email. This email is responding to the follow-up request on January 31, 2019 and I apologize for the delay.

The Province of British Columbia has established a legislative framework for local governments that recognizes they are democratically elected, autonomous, responsible and accountable within their jurisdiction. The *Resort Association Act* (RAA) does not stipulate that a local government must certify a petition process and the Province does not have a role mandating a local government to certify for purposes under the RAA.

All BC laws and regulations are accessible online at: http://www.bclaws.ca/. For further information regarding the framework for the creation and operation of resort associations, you can find the RAA here: http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/286269762/96320/? xsl=/templates/browse.xsl. The Community Charter, referenced in the RAA is also available here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws new/document/ID/freeside/03026_00.

More information and guidance can be found on Province of British Columbia's Resort Association page here: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/economic-development/resort-associations.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,
Brent Mueller
Director of Governance Relations

From: s.22

Sent: January 31, 2019 4:37 PM

To: Robinson.MLA, Selina LASS:EX <Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX <Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>; Paget, Gary MAH:EX

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Grace.VandenBrink@gov.bc.ca; Minister, MAH MAH:EX <MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Marotz, Nicola
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david.sewell@rdno.ca

Subject: Re: Silver Star Resort Association

Honorable Selina Robinson,

Further to my email below of January 16, I would like clarification on the certification of the Silver Star Resort Association petition.

Considering the following statements-

July 4, 2017 Dannie Carson (regarding the proponents obligations re certification)- "They will need to adhere to all applicable legislation especially Section 212 of the Community Charter.... Again, it will be up to the proponents to undertake these activities in compliance with all applicable laws."

January 9, 2018 Dannie Carson "Historically, the inspector of Municipalities or Corporate Officer have certified"

January 19, 2018 Brent Mueller " As you have noted under Community Charter's 212 when we consider the requirement for the Corporate Officer to certify the petition, for the purpose of Resort Associations we also consider the phrase "applies to a petition under this section as far as reasonably possible." So our view is, and our policy has been, that it is not mandatory that a local government certify the validity of a petition.......In the case of the Silver Star Task Force, staff advised the proponents that it may be prudent to have an independent third party (such as an accountant, notary, lawyer, or former election officer) validate the results."

April 26, 2018 Brent Mueller " In general terms. The Task Force conducts the petition, Regional District undertakes certification, Ministry provides guidance."

February 19 2019 Paddy Juniper, Deputy Corporate Officer RDNO commenting to Dannie Carson "Who would guide the process. It is rather unusual to imagine that an organization (task force) that is desirous of one result would be the one to guide the process (eg the mayor of a city guiding the election process from start to finish including counting the votes)."

Why has your office advised the proponents to not use the local Corporate Officer to validate the

petition? If that method has been used historically why would it be "unreasonable" in this process?

I am requesting copies of all policy, applicable laws and applicable legislation surrounding the RA petition process, as well as a reply to my emails as a matter of urgency.

s.22

On Wed, Jan 16, 2019 at 3:54 PM s.22

wrote:

Honorable Selina Robinson,

I am writing to you to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed Silver Star Resort Association. The fairness and transparency of the proposed SSRA that has been promised by the Task Force has been nothing but lip service.

To date the petition deadline has been extended 3 times. The Task Force website lists the current deadline as December 14, a screen shot is attached. On December 13 the Task Force confirmed via email that the deadline was December 14. Regardless, the Task Force have continued to actively recruit more signatures on the petition. The solicitation of signatures has continued beyond all deadlines and I believe is still under way.

I understand that the Ministry of Housing's response to complaints regarding the utter unfairness of changing the completion date is that there are no legislated timelines. This has given the Task Force free reign to manipulate the petition process to their advantage. Notification of extending the October 31 deadline was not given until December 3, obviously the Task Force reviewed the responses and found them below the percentage they needed.

How can it be fair, or acceptable in any way to notify the community on December 3 that the deadline date on the petition document was being changed? How can it be seen in anyway as transparent or honest for the Task Force to confirm via email the deadline is the following day and then continue to actively solicit support for several weeks?

I would respectfully ask your office to explain how fairness and transparency will be applied. Ignoring the many concerns regarding the public engagement process, the benefits to the corporation not the community and the RAM v's Non RAM inequity, the petition process has been completely unfair, biased towards the proponents and technically flawed.

The closing date on the petition document, October 31, should be the only acceptable date. That was the date set by the Task Force. Members of the Task Force have contacted property owners after that date over and over again soliciting signatures. We live in a small community and many of the Task Force members are perceived as influential people, for many continuing to decline signing has become extremely difficult.

Through reading FOI documents it is clear that the Task Force have had a continued dialogue with

your office throughout this process. Unfortunately any concerns that are raised by the community are referred back to the Task Force, whose response is often questionable. For example-On March 27, 2018, Jim Godfrey in an email to your office stated- "the task force is in a discussion with a respected former election officer......The intent is to have the individual oversee the petition process and at it's conclusion , determine the sufficiency of the petition."

When questioned on who the certifier was the Task Force replied via email on September 28, 2018 "The petition certifier was selected from a list provided by the Province and until there is a need to certify (appropriate numbers obtained) we are not engaging their services and are not contacting them."

The sense of frustration that has been felt by those that oppose the formation of a SSRA has reached it's limit. At no point during this long and poorly handled process has there been any faith in fairness or transparency. I, like many of my neighbours feel the that the time has come for your office to take control of this process.

At this point those who are opposed are seeing a judicial review as the only option for justice, that would be a sad legacy for the Resort Association Act that is under the guidance of your office to leave in our community. Any help at this point in understanding how concerns regarding the petition process will be addressed would be greatly appreciated.

s.22

From: Flatman, John MAH:EX

To: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX
Subject: RE: Possible Deemed Refusal for MAH-2019-90635

Date: March 20, 2019 11:02:01 AM

Works for me! See you then.

John

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 9:52 AM To: Flatman, John MAH:EX; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

Subject: RE: Possible Deemed Refusal for MAH-2019-90635

Hi John

Just talked to Brent 11:30am today works, do you want to come up to his office?

Thanks, Dianna

From: Flatman, John MAH:EX Sent: March 20, 2019 9:43 AM

To: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX < Dianna. Porter@gov.bc.ca>; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX

<Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Possible Deemed Refusal for MAH-2019-90635

Hi Dianna and Brent,

Do you have some time this morning between 11-12 to chat about MAH-2019-90635? The applicant has submitted a complaint to the Commissioner's office.

Thanks.

John Flatman

A/Manager

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From: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX
To: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91555 (Silver Star Association Petition Package#2): Pls

respond by March 26

Date: March 20, 2019 9:12:40 AM

Thank you Dianna.

From: Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 9:05 AM

To: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX <FOI.Inbox@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Sergeant, Christine OHCS:EX < Christine. Sergeant@gov.bc.ca>; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX

<Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca>; Mueller, Brent MAH:EX <Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91555 (Silver Star Association

Petition Package#2): Pls respond by March 26

Hi there,

Please see attached for the request below. Please also note that the same attachment was submitted for request MAH-2019-91472. Please see the notes attached to that file for the program area harms noted.

Many thanks,

Dianna Porter | Senior Program Analyst

Governance and Structure Branch | Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ph: 778-698-3213

From: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX Sent: March 20, 2019 7:27 AM

To: Mueller, Brent MAH:EX < <u>Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Porter, Dianna MAH:EX

<<u>Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Cc: Sergeant, Christine OHCS:EX < Christine.Sergeant@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91555 (Silver Star Association

Petition Package#2): Pls respond by March 26

Brent and Dianna over to you both.

From: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:23 PM

To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX < Ana. Andrade@gov.bc.ca >; Gedney, Vanessa R MAH:EX

<<u>Vanessa.Gedney@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Cc: FOI Economy Sector MAH:EX < FOI.Inbox@gov.bc.ca >; Kubisheski, Carlee MAH:EX < Carlee.Kubisheski@gov.bc.ca >; Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX < Ian.Patrucco@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: CALL FOR RECORDS - New FOI Request: MAH-2019-91555 (Silver Star Association Petition

Package#2): Pls respond by March 26

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) has received the following new request (applicant type: Individual):

Copy of the petition package for a Silver Star Resort Association that the Task Force submitted to the Ministry/Minister for approval. (Date Range for Record Search: From 02/01/2019 To 03/08/2019).

Please note:

- This request was previously sent for the period of 10/31/2018 to 02/04/2019 (MAH-2019-90730 (Silver Star Submissions)) and the applicant withdrew their request after being advised:
 - "These records are not in the custody or control of the Provincial Government at this time. While the Ministry is aware that a proponent (the Silver Star Marketing Task Force) has been working on a proposal, one has not been submitted at this time to establish a Resort Association at Silver Star."
- If you have responsive records, please combine them into one clean pdf, and provide a second pdf version with program area harms highlighted and rationale.
- If you expect this search for records to take more than 3 hours, please do not proceed. Contact our office immediately.

Please forward the responsive records to our team FOI inbox at FOI.Inbox@gov.bc.ca

Response is requested by: **Tuesday March 26, 2019,** if possible.

Thank you.

Joshua Galbraith

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From: Toperczer, Richard E FLNR:EX

To: <u>Mueller, Brent MAH:EX</u>; <u>Porter, Dianna MAH:EX</u>

Subject: FW: MRDT Changes
Date: March 19, 2019 11:12:16 AM

Thanks for your time yesterday.

Ken's response as an fyi.

R

From: Ken Derpak [mailto:kderpak@skisilverstar.com]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 6:12 PM To: Toperczer, Richard E FLNR:EX Subject: RE: MRDT Changes

Richard, yes I was aware and should let you know, we as a Community have submitted the paperwork to set up a Resort Association in Silver Star, Silver Star Resort Association (SSRA) once that is final, I anticipate we, the SSRA, will apply for MRDT

Thanks, best KD

Ken Derpak

Managing Director

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From: Toperczer, Richard E FLNR:EX <Richard.Toperczer@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:15 AM **To:** Ken Derpak <kderpak@skisilverstar.com>

Subject: MRDT Changes

Good morning Ken.

We met a year or so ago to discuss growth opportunities for Silver Star Resort including funding for marketing.

I wanted to ensure you are aware of the recent changes to the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT or "Hotel Tax) that occurred late last fall. These changes created an opportunity for small (eg. < 3 room) and large accommodators to collect MRDT of up to 3% from patrons which is then used to market the community. These moneys can also be leveraged with other marketing programs. Some of these funds could also be used for affordable housing initiatives including staff accommodations.

https://www.destinationbc.ca/what-we-do/funding-sources/mrdt/program-requirements-application-procedure/

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you would like to discuss further.

Respectfully,

R

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