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February 1, 2018

Sent via email to: []

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Our File: FOI-2018-020

Dear []:

Re: Request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) received your request for access to records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the FOIPP Act) on October 10, 2017. Your request is for:

"All records in BC Ferries Services possession, including studies contracted to all service providers, that:

- 1) Contemplate reasons for or against operating ferry sailings less than one hour apart between Tsawwassen Terminal and Swartz Bay Terminal during peak periods (i.e., in the peak periods, why do ferry sailings take place one hour apart and not less)?*
- 2) Contemplate the capacity for infrastructure at Tsawwassen Terminal and Swartz Bay Terminal regarding loading passengers simultaneously (i.e., are there any infrastructure limitations at Tsawwassen Terminal and Swartz Bay Terminal that prevent simultaneously loading two ferries)?*
- 3) Contemplate the operating cost of one ferry from Tsawwassen Terminal to Swartz Bay Terminal (please do not include capital costs in this calculation). [We understand this to mean contemplating an incremental vessel].*
- 4) Contemplate the capital cost of procuring one ferry for operational use between Tsawwassen Terminal and Swartz Bay Terminal."*

As indicated in previous correspondence, to bring this request to a manageable scope, we have understood that you are seeking records from the last ten years (2007 to present).

Enclosed please find the record we have created to respond to item 1 (sailings less than one hour apart) of your request.

You will also find enclosed the relevant information from BC Ferries' current Terminal Network Master Plan which is responsive to item 2 of your request, regarding the capacity for infrastructure at Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay terminals.

BC Ferries is currently undertaking terminal development planning, which will guide future change and development at the two terminals. A key component in the development of each plan is stakeholder and community engagement. Currently, the planning for Swartz Bay terminal is in progress, and we expect to undertake the planning for Tsawwassen terminal in the foreseeable future. You can find information regarding Terminal Development Planning on the BC Ferries website at: <https://www.bcferries.com/about/publicconsultation2/terminal-development-planning/index.html>.

You will find enclosed the record responsive to item 4 (vessel capital cost) of your request. The record contains information excepted from disclosure under the FOIPP Act. Pursuant to section 17 of the FOIPP Act, we have withheld information as its disclosure would harm the financial interests of BC Ferries. We have noted on the record disclosed to you which section of the FOIPP Act was relied on to sever the information. An excerpt of the relevant section is attached.

We have excluded information in the records for items 2 and 4 that were not within the scope of your request.

Finally, the information requested in item 3, the operating cost of one ferry from Tsawwassen terminal to Swartz Bay terminal, is exempted from disclosure under section 17 of the FOIPP Act, as disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to harm the financial interests of BC Ferries. Specifically, the disclosure of the cost would reasonably be expected to harm BC Ferries' financial interests should BC Ferries under its own initiative, or as so ordered by the British Columbia Ferries Commissioner, in accordance with section 69 of the *Coastal Ferry Act*, seek alternative service providers.

Thank you for your deposit of \$8.00 for this request, received on February 1, 2018. The final charge for this request is \$7.80. We have calculated this amount as follows:

Locating and retrieving the records	Less than 3 free hours provided in the FOIPP Act	No charge
Preparing records for disclosure	0.25 hours @ \$30.00/hour	\$7.50
Scanned electronic copies of paper records	3 pages @ \$0.10/page	\$0.30
	Total	\$7.80
	Less deposit	\$8.00
	Amount owing	<u>(\$0.20)</u>

The final charge is less than originally estimated because fewer pages are responsive to the request than originally estimated. As the difference is not material, we will not be issuing a refund.

You can apply to the Information and Privacy Commissioner for a review of this response. You have 30 working days from receipt of this letter to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy
Commissioner for British Columbia
PO Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9A4
Facsimile: (250) 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with a copy of this letter, a copy of your original request, and the reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

If you have any questions, please write or call our office at (250) 978-1502.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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