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Our File: FOI-2020-027

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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 information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the FOIPP Act) on December 3, 2019. Your request was as follows:

1. *"All documents and records concerning the removal and the replacement of the original steel stairs with newly fabricated aluminum stairs located between the fresh water tanks in the forward water-tank compartment of the MV Northern Expedition between June 2011 and the present.*

Also, all documents concerning the repair of holes drilled by ship's engineers in the water-tight bulkhead located between the aft void and the workshop of the Northern Expedition during 2011.

These documents should include any drawings, permissions, inspections by insurers, and reasons for the above occurrences.

2. *Also, all hand written notes, ship's log entries, engineering log entries, and electronic documents regarding the above.*
3. *Also, any documents relating to injuries sustained by any employees as a result of the above occurrences.*
4. *Also, any documents relating to investigations in to the above occurrences."*

Enclosed please find copies of the records responsive to your request.

Some of the records contain information excepted from disclosure under the FOIPP Act. This information was severed so the remaining information could be disclosed.

We have withheld information under section 15 of the FOIPP Act, where disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the security of our purchasing, safety reporting, computer and communications systems, and under section 17 of the FOIPP Act, where financial information is likely to have monetary value.

Under section 21 of the FOIPP Act, we must refuse to disclose financial or similar information of or about a third party, supplied in confidence, whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the competitive position or interfere significantly with the negotiating position of the third party; result in similar information no longer being supplied to BC Ferries; or, result in undue financial loss or gain to any person or organization. We have also withheld the same information under section 17, as its disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the financial interests of BC Ferries.

Identifying information about third parties, such as names, signatures, email addresses, phone numbers, as well as the cellular number of an employee is withheld as required under section 22 of the FOIPP Act where disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third parties' personal privacy. In addition, this cellular number and a vessel cellular number are withheld under sections 15 and 19 of the FOIPP Act as they are used in emergencies and their disclosure and potential unauthorized use could harm the security of any property or system, or interfere with public safety.

We have noted on the records disclosed to you which section of the FOIPP Act was relied on to sever the information. An excerpt of the relevant sections is attached.

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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FOIPP Office