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June 13, 2011

Mr. Vincent Gogolek
Executive Director
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Our File: FOIPP #2011-042

Dear Mr. Gogolek:

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 June 6, 2011. Your request was for the following:

Copies of all correspondence, notes on telephone conversations, briefing notes, background papers and communications documents, plus agendas and minutes for any meetings regarding the Premier's announcement of a 33 percent reduction of BC Ferries fares and restoration of cancelled routes in his address of October 22, 2008. This request relates to records between July 1, 2008 and December 1, 2008.

Section 75 of the FOIPP Act allows us to charge fees for certain limited costs of providing you with the requested records. We may charge you a fee in this case because of the time required to locate and retrieve the requested records and to prepare and handle the records for disclosure.

We have estimated that the fee for providing the records you have requested is \$300.75. We have calculated this amount as follows:

Locating and retrieving the records	12.5 hours less 3 free hours = 9.5 hours @ \$30.00	\$285.00
Preparing records for disclosure	0.25 hours @ \$30.00 /hour	\$7.50
Copies	33 pages @\$0.25/page	\$8.25
TOTAL		<u>\$300.75</u>

Please send a deposit cheque or money order for \$150.00, payable to British Columbia Ferry Services Inc., to my attention at the address above. We will await your deposit before proceeding with your request.

You should be aware that while the FOIPP Act imposes an obligation on us to respond to your request within 30 working days, the period of time that elapses while we are waiting for the deposit will not be included in the calculation of our response time.

Please note that this is an estimate only and that we will provide you with a final invoice for fees once your request is processed. If, upon processing your request, we determine the actual fees to be charged for processing your request are more than the fee estimate, we will advise you of the revised fees. If the actual fees are less than the deposit paid, we will refund the difference.

Once the final payment is received, we will provide you with our response to your request.

You asked in your access request that the fees be waived. Pursuant to Section 75(5) of the FOIPP Act, you may request that the fee be waived for specified reasons. If you believe that we should excuse the fee in your case, please provide written detailed reasons or grounds as to why you feel a waiver should apply. Once we have reviewed your submission, we will notify you of our decision.

If you do not respond to this letter by July 13, 2011 by either paying the deposit or requesting a fee waiver in writing, we will understand that you have withdrawn your request and we will close our file.

You noted in your June 6, 2001 request that BC Ferries' original fee estimate for IR 01-10 identified 189 pages. As stated in our letter of November 3, 2010, this was an estimate only. We advised you in our letter of February 21, 2011 that following a review of a sample of responsive records, our estimate was revised to 156 pages. We have now revised our estimate of responsive records to 33 pages. The estimate is lower because the number of records which are responsive to the scope of your request is less than the searchers had estimated.

You can apply to the Information and Privacy Commissioner for a review of this fee estimate. The FOIPP Act allows you 30 working days to request a review by writing to:

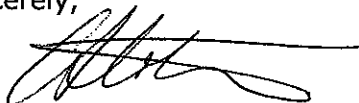
Office of the Information and Privacy
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Facsimile: (250) 387-1696

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.

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

Sincerely,



Carol Stoker
Information & Privacy Analyst, FOIPP Office