



SECHELT COMMUNITY PROJECTS INC.

BY REGISTERED MAIL

October 2, 2009

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Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*
Request for Information – Sechelt Community Projects Inc. (SCPI)
Reference: FOI – SCPI – 2009-08-21

I am writing in response to your request dated August 20th, 2009 and received at our office via e-mail on August 21st, 2009, for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FIPPA").

- 1 Please provide me with any documentation that demonstrates that SCPI intends to follow, or has followed the Provincial process for BC Standing Log Export Permitting Process - 2006 (described in the "Raw Log Export report commissioned by the Province in 2006, see copy of report attached).**

Our understanding of the provisions of FIPPA include that you may request specific records that are in our possession. On this basis, the only response we can give is that we are not clear which specific records you are requesting. If you wish to clarify which specific records you are requesting, we will respond as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we assure you that all operations undertaken by SCPI are conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Province of British Columbia.

- 2. Please provide me with any documentation related to this Provincial Log Export process that may have involved any timber harvested from cut block WS065 that may have been shipped across the Canadian border.**

As of today's date, SCPI has not received any records regarding this question since the export process, which relates to 1,650 m³ of timber from cut block WS065, is still in process. I am therefore unable to confirm if this volume has been shipped across the Canadian border as of today.

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In any event, we will be publicly releasing details of any exports that are approved under the export process as soon as the information is received by us.

- 3. Please provide me with copies of SCPI's Operations reports (submitted by the Operations Manager) for the period starting with the January 8th, 2009 SCPI board meeting thru to May 27th SCPI board meeting. (six reports in total, with any additions and/or amendments).**

Pursuant to Section 17(1) of the FIPPA, disclosure of the documents you are requesting could reasonably be expected to harm the financial or economic interests of SCPI. Note that these documents include:

- *financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that belongs to SCPI*
- *plans that relate to the management of personnel or administration of SCPI that have not yet been implemented or made public.*
- *information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in the premature disclosure of a proposal or project or in undue financial loss or gain to a third party;*
- *information about negotiations carried on by or for SCPI.*

At the appropriate time, we will be publicizing matters contained in these reports.

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I take this opportunity to encourage you to contact us directly in future with questions regarding SCPI operations. We are committed to effective and open communications and it should not be necessary for you to use the provisions of the FIPPA to obtain information about our activities.

Also, I ask you to bear in mind that requests made of SCPI under FIPPA oblige us to incur considerable costs to ensure compliance with the FIPPA regulations. These costs reduce the funds SCPI has to provide support to the community and to undertake our various economic development initiatives.

Under Section 52 of the FIPPA, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to not disclose records that you requested. You have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
3rd Floor, 756 Fort Street
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 1H2
Tel. (250) 387-5629 Fax (250) 387-1696

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

1. Your name, address and telephone number;
2. The "reference number" quoted at the top of this letter (ie. "FOI-SCPI-2009-08-21");
3. The type of request that you made to SCPI, i.e., access, correction, fee complaint, time limit complaint, etc., or a copy of the request;
4. A copy of SCPI's decision; and
5. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

If you have any questions about this letter, please write or call John R. Henderson, FOI Head (604) 885-7809, prior to initiating a formal review process with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Yours truly,

SEHELTL COMMUNITY PROJECTS INC.



JOHN R. HENDERSON

FOI Head

Enclosure

c.c. Ms. Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer
FOI Public Body Head
District of Sechelt

c.c. Ms. Donna Shugar, Chair
Sunshine Coast Regional District
(Applicant's FOI request was forwarded via e-mail)