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Re: Request for Access to Records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the “Act”)

This letter is in response to your request for records dated May 12, 2014, for copies of:

“1. The seismic analysis of the new Johnson Street Bridge design that was referred to by Director of Engineering Dwayne Kalynchuk at a GPC meeting held April 10, 2014. Please provide the full analysis.

2. any communications (emails and their attachments, printed documents) between City of Victoria engineering staff and any employee of MMM Group, Hardesty & Hanover, or PCL Constructors Westcoast that pertain to seismic analysis of the new bridge. The time frame in which this record would have been created is January 1, 2013 to current date.”

The second bullet requests the same records as your previous request for seismic records (2013-11-12a). For clarity, I've reproduced below the wording of 2013-11-12a.

“...any communications (emails and their attachments, printed documents) between City of Victoria engineering staff and any employee of MMM Group, Hardesty & Hanover, or PCL Constructors Westcoast that pertain to seismic analysis of the current design.”

Since staff previously searched for seismic analysis records created between January 1, 2013 and November 12, 2013, staff limited their second search to November 13, 2013 and May 12, 2014. Although they did a thorough search, no responsive records were located.

With regard to your request's first bullet, seismic analysis of the new Johnson Street Bridge (JSB) referenced in the April 10, 2014 report to the GPC, the new JSB is being built to seismic standards described in the attached Johnson Street Bridge Seismic Design Criteria document dated August 17, 2012. As you know, the RFP process required companies competing to build the bridge to submit design optimizations.

These optimizations had to be tested to confirm that they met the seismic design criteria's requirements. Hardesty and Hanover performed the testing and MMM Group advised the JSB Project Team during ongoing bridge construction discussions. Therefore, there are no records responsive to the first bullet of your request.

The seismic design criteria document is not responsive to this request or your previous request 2013-11-12a. It is being provided now to make publicly available the JSB's seismic requirements.

Your request is now complete.

Under Section 52 of the Act, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
P.O. Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9A4
Telephone: 250.387.5629
Fax: 250.387.1696

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

1. The request number assigned to your request;
2. A copy of this letter;
3. A copy of your original request for information; and
4. Detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

If you are considering a review, I would appreciate the opportunity to address any concerns prior to your contacting the Commissioner's office.

If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250.361.0347.

Sincerely,

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