

RESPONSE | Partial Release

August 7, 2026

**Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act [the "Act"]*
 *Request for Access to Records | Reference No. 2026-33***

I am writing further to your request dated May 4, 2026, for copies of records relating to formal risk assessments such as interest rate exposure, market absorption, operational cost exposure, environmental risk etc., along with any related presentations, briefing notes, and or staff memorandums associated with the Town's acquisition of the Eaglecrest Golf Course.

As you are aware, some of the records responsive to your request required third-party consultation under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. In accordance with the third-party consultation process under the Act, the Town consulted with affected third parties before making its access decision. One third party consented to the disclosure of information affecting them, and that information is included in this release, subject to redactions where applicable under the Act. Another third party has requested a review by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia (OIPC) of the Town's decision to disclose information affecting them. As a result, the information subject to that OIPC review is not being released at this time and will continue to be withheld pending the outcome of the review or further direction from the OIPC. While this review is underway, we are providing you with a partial release of the responsive records. This partial release of responsive records consists of eighty [80] pages, with page numbers located in the upper right-hand corner in blue.

Some of the records contain information that is exempt from disclosure under the Act. This information has been severed in accordance with the Act, as follows:

- section 12 cabinet and local public body confidences;
- section 13 policy advice or recommendations;
- section 14 legal advice;
- section 17 disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body; and
- section 22 disclosure harmful to personal privacy,

so that the remaining information can be disclosed to you.

We wish to provide additional comment and clarification as it relates to your request as follows:

- Pages 66 to 80 is a record that is generally available through routine access. However, because this record is responsive to your request and provides relevant context, it has been included in this formal response for completeness [excluding attachments]. For ease of reference, we have highlighted text on page 77. The highlighting is provided for

convenience only and does not limit the scope of the records disclosed.

- We understand that the Director of Planning and Community Development previously provided you with copies of the environmental assessment reports associated with the acquisition of the Eaglecrest Golf Course. As these records have already been disclosed to you, they are not included in the Town's formal response to this access request.

Pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Town of Qualicum Beach Freedom of Information Bylaw No. 909, 2025*, a fee may be charged for processing access to records requests. You were provided with a fee estimate on June 10, 2026, in the amount of \$402.50. We acknowledge receipt of your deposit, received on June 10, 2026, in the amount of \$201.25. No further payment is required at this time. Once the Town has completed processing your access request, you will be advised of the final amount owing, if any, before any additional payment is required.

Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the Town's ongoing 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

PO Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.

Victoria, BC V8W 9A4

Telephone: 250.387.5629

Facsimile: 250.387.1696

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

1. Your name, address and telephone number;
2. The number assigned to your request [Ref. No.: 2026-33];
3. A copy of your original request for information;
4. A copy of this letter;
5. The detailed reasons or ground upon which you are seeking the review.

Please contact Twyla Slonski, Interim Deputy Director of Corporate Services, by phone at 250.738.2190 or by email at tslonski@qualicumbeach.com if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,


Heather Svensen

Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO | FOI Head

Attachment: 80 pages | Partial Release

Copy: T. Slonski, Interim Deputy Director of Corporate Services

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