

RESPONSE | Partial Release

September 4, 2026

**Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act [the "Act"]*
 *Request for Access to Records | Reference No. 2026-38***

We are writing further to your request dated May 13, 2026, for copies of records relating to the acquisition of the Eaglecrest Golf Course and issuance of a charitable donation receipt by the Town of Qualicum Beach.

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 the affected third-party before making its access decision. While the Town determined that the disclosure of the responsive records would not be harmful to the third-party's business interests in accordance with section 21 of the Act, the records are currently under review by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner [OIPC]. As such, these records are being withheld pending the outcome of the OIPC review. We expect to be able to update you on this matter during the third week of September.

While this review is underway, we are providing you with a partial release of records. This partial release consists of eighteen [18] pages. As 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; and
- section 22 disclosure harmful to personal privacy;

so that the remaining information can be disclosed to you.

We wish to provide additional comment relating to your request as follows:

- Council did receive a staff report and PowerPoint presentation at its open meeting held June 24, 2026. For convenience, below are links to the agenda package & presentation:
 - [June 24, 2026](#) regular Council meeting
 - [June 24, 2026](#) PowerPoint presentation

as these records are responsive to our request and provide relevant context, they have been included for completeness.

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.: 2026-38];
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
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