

RESPONSE | RELEASE

September 15, 2026

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By email: ahester@ucalgary.ca

**Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act [the "Act"]*
 *Request for Access to Records | Reference No. 2026-42***

We are writing further to your request dated May 22, 2026, and subsequently clarified at our in-person meeting held June 26, 2026, and on September 3, 2026, narrowing the scope of the request to reflect records dated between November 1, 2022 to November 1, 2025, including the exclusion of any records that duplicate records either already released, or in the process of being released as follows:

" All records, dated between January 1, 2022 and the date this request is processed, relating to the Town's consideration of strategies, mechanisms, or arrangements — other than direct acquisition by the Town at the negotiated purchase price — for addressing the future of the Eaglecrest Golf Course property.

This includes, by way of example and without limitation, records relating to: lease or other interests short of fee-simple ownership; partnership or joint arrangements with other public, Indigenous, non-profit, or private entities; acquisition at a different price or on different terms; regulatory tools (such as zoning or covenants) applied while ownership remained private; or declining to intervene in the property's disposition.

The request covers staff reports, briefing notes, memoranda, presentations, correspondence, and analyses, whether or not formally presented to Council publicly or in camera.

 All appraisals of the Eaglecrest Golf Course property obtained, commissioned, or received by the Town of Qualicum Beach between January 1, 2022 and the date this request is processed.

This request excludes the post-rezoning appraisal valuing the property at \$12.98M, which is the subject of a separate request (FOI-2026-37).

For clarity, this request includes any appraisal report whether commissioned by the Town or by another party and shared with the Town, including the 2024 appraisal valuing the property at \$3.41M referenced in the Town's Eaglecrest FAQ.

Information concerning the Town's potential acquisition of the Eaglecrest Golf Course property, covering the period from November 7, 2022 to November 1, 2025:

1. The date of the earliest communication, in any form, between Town staff or elected officials and the owners of the Eaglecrest Golf Course property (or their representatives) concerning a potential sale or acquisition whether the record is public or from a record in camera.
2. The name and position of the Town staff member or elected official who led communications with the owners on behalf of the Town.
3. A list of the professional advisors retained by the Town in connection with the potential acquisition — including but not limited to real estate advisors, legal counsel, appraisers, and golf course consultants. For each advisor, please provide:
 - the name of the advisor (individual or firm);
 - the date of engagement;
 - a brief description of the scope of work; and
 - the fee or fee structure.

I am requesting this information in summary or list form. I am not requesting the underlying records, correspondence, or contracts themselves.”

We have reviewed the Town’s applicable email accounts; open and closed meeting folders, Council’s Resolution tracking tools, land acquisition file, planning and development file specific to the Eaglecrest golf course, and its golf course file (Eaglecrest) associated with your request, and we can confirm that sixty-nine (69) pages responsive to your request were located. Please note that some of the records contain information that is exempt from disclosure under the Act. This information has been severed in accordance with the following sections of the Act:

- 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 interest of a public body
- section 21 | Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party
- section 22 | Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

so that the remaining records could be disclosed to you.

Pursuant to the Act and the *“Town of Qualicum Beach Freedom of Information Bylaw No. 909, 2025”* fees may apply to the processing of access to records requests. However, given the time that has elapsed since your initial request along, subsequent clarification and amendments, along with your continued cooperation in granting the Town additional time to respond, no fee applies.

Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the Town'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
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.: 2026-42];
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: 69 pages

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

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