

File No. 04-1000-20-2011- 408

January 31, 2012

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1) :

Re: Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (The "Act")

I am writing regarding your request of December 23, 2011, under *the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for:

All agendas and minutes (including, but not limited to, incident and briefing reports) of meetings held at or by the Emergency Operations Centre during October 14, 2011 to November 23, 2011.

The responsive records are attached. A minor amount of information has been severed under s. 15(1)(a) and (l) and s. 19(1)(b) of the Act. You can read or download those sections of the Act here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

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

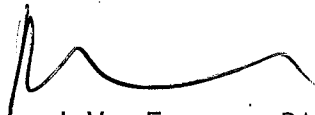
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
P.O. Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9A4
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If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

- 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2011- 408);
- 2) a copy of this letter;
- 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and
- 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



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**CITY OF VANCOUVER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE
SITUATION REPORT**

Event: Occupy Vancouver
Date: October 16, 2011
Time: 1130 am
Prepared by: Brian Beck
Approved by: Brian Crowe, EOC Director

Summary and Emerging Issues

Police report that event participants were quiet after 11pm last night and no open fires reported. The site is clean in the morning and no significant medical issues reported overnight. General assemblies planned for 12pm and 7pm.

- Porta-potties full and closed off. Event Organizers are looking for solutions. VCH has confirmed there is no health concern because other alternatives are available in the community. Concern still from City field staff that roped off toilets will cause frustration among participants with possibility of them tipping these over.
- Fire Dept communicating cooking ban to event attendees on-site.
- Crowd is very small and no rallies or music at this time. Event Organizers have visited tents and confirmed all are occupied.
- No street blockages or closure
- Receiving reports that event food tent is a mess.
- No Live internet feeds for event running.

Operational Areas and Venues

North Plaza - Vancouver Art Gallery:

- Max Capacity: 5,000
- Current Occupants: approx. 100, gradually increasing
- Current/Expected Issues: none

Transportation

Road Closures:

- None

Public Transit:

- Regular volumes

Parking Restrictions:

- Question arising whether these should be left in place all day if rally remains small.

Departments/Agency Issues

Police:

- None

Fire:

- None

Ambulance:

- None

Engineering:

- None



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CITY OF VANCOUVER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE
SITUATION REPORT

Event: Occupy Vancouver
Date: October 16, 2011
Time: 20:40
Prepared by: Jackie Kloosterboer
Approved by: Garrick Bradshaw, EOC Director

Summary and Emerging Issues

Overall Status:

- *Tents - approximately 70+ tents remain on site*
- *Food - no propane - no hot plates - no kettles*
- *Decline in numbers, estimate of approx 100; participant demographics are changing to younger crowd*
- *s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)*
- *Weather forecast has clear weather until Friday*
- *s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)*

Traffic:

- *No update*

Noise control:

- *VPD working with hotels/businesses etc. and will respond as required. Will develop an action plan tomorrow with communication strategy if issues arise tonight*

Propane / Cooking Equipment

- *Will continue to prohibit propane cooking and heating equipment on site. VFRS will monitor and enforce as the use of this equipment presents a significant public safety risk.*

Site power:

- *Due to public safety concerns no generators will be allowed to operate on site*

Food:

- *VCH to meet Monday regarding Health Safety*

Tent:

- Further discussions will occur in the next few days regarding use of the site.

Ops Centres

- s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)



Operational Areas and Venues

North Plaza - Vancouver Art Gallery:

- Max Capacity: 5,000
- Current Occupants: approx. 100, gradually decreasing
- Current/Expected Issues: none

Transportation

Road Closures:

- None as of 20:00

Public Transit:

- None as of 20:00

Parking Restrictions:

- No changes to parking restrictions as of now - will evaluate after both rush hours on Monday.

Departments/Agency Issues

Police:

- None

Fire:

- None

Ambulance:

- None

Engineering:

- None



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CITY OF VANCOUVER
SITUATION UPDATE

Event: Occupy Vancouver
Date: October 17, 2011
Time: 1645
Prepared by: Kevin Wallinger
Approved by:

Summary and Emerging Issues

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

Overall Status:

- *Tents - 65 tents remain on site*
- *Food - no propane - no hot plates - no kettles*
- *Approx 200 people were on site at 1300 hrs. Numbers have reduced somewhat throughout the afternoon. No estimates available at this time.*
- *s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)*
- *Weather forecast has clear weather until Friday*
- *CSG staff are monitoring presence of homeless and vulnerable populations and will complete an assessment tomorrow.*
- *Generally a good, non-confrontational mood throughout the site*
- *Some demonstrators left the site this afternoon to join demonstrators at the Missing Women's Enquiry and returned to the VAG*

Traffic:

- *No update*

Noise control:

- *VPD working with hotels/businesses etc. and will respond as required.*

Propane / Cooking Equipment:

- *Will continue to prohibit propane cooking and heating equipment on site. VFRS will monitor and enforce as the use of this equipment presents a significant public safety risk.*

Site power:

- *Due to public safety concerns no generators will be allowed to operate on site*
- *Power is being provided through negotiated agreement with the City*

Food:

- *No concerns have been identified*

Ops Centres

- s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

Operational Areas and Venues

North Plaza - Vancouver Art Gallery:

- Max Capacity: 5,000
- Current Occupants: approx. 200, gradually decreasing
- Current/Expected Issues: none

Transportation

Road Closures:

- None as of 1600

Public Transit:

- None as of 1600

Departments/Agency Issues

Police:

- s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

Fire:

- None

Ambulance:

- None

Engineering:

- None

Oct. 16 - noon conf. call

B. Crowe
EOC Director's
notes

Agenda:

- Roll Call

- General Update

- Section Updates

- Discussion of Issues & Actions

VPD

- ~ 200 people on-site now

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

- some fights from Greville ent't district

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

VFRS

- std response to be utilized if fire safety concern.

- outstanding request to use a generator

- expect ongoing pressure to allow cooking at least w. generator and hotplate s.a. done at PNE.

Murray @ Obsvn Group -

- Porta-Potties will be cleaned up by service co. paid for by event organizers. Streets Ops to liaise re access.

- Art Gallery breakers being tripped by kettles in cook tent.

Peter from Translink - generally normal operation today.

Oct 16th
B. Crowe notes
continued
(noon conference call)

- Not supporting cooking en-site
safety - incl. fuel whether propane or gasoline/diesel
cleanliness
noise of generator - we offered VAG elec'y so no genset req'd

No permits or fire safety plan

- Communications to draft speaking points re cooking restriction
- We will continue to message to organizer that they should remove the generator.

Noise By-law:

Charles G. re Rosewood Hotel's guests - key issue was noise continuing past 1 am.

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s. 19(1)(b)

Traffic:

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s. 19(1)(b)

- 2) When to restore on-st. pkg. and newsboxes tbd pending today's activity level.
VFRS wants one access stretch of pkg to be maint'd for their use

Downtown Buss's Access

- DVB/A to draft messaging for CoV commins to review and possibly Twitter.

Carry On w Operations as planned, today. Next call 8pm

Oct. 16, 2011 Occupy Vancouver Conference Call

12pm - 12:58pm.

#Bici Crowe ~~FOC~~ Director.

Jim Chu

John ^{Szilard} Oakley - EMBC
hes^FRS.

Charles Gamba. (DBA)

Mike (Canada line)

Gerrish Bradshaw

Jodi (Heather)

Scott Edwards.

~~Sandro~~ Johnson.

Peter —

John McCurney

Coast Mt Bus

Dave - Ecovest

Corporate Comms

Murray White.

Gale - Special Events.

Health Protection

Dean Robinson VPD

Janna McGuinness - VPD.

Mike McGill Translink.

Brenda Frodo - Observation post.

Jerry DeBervani.



ECC Update:

- Last night - 1 complaint from Rosewood hotel - sound.
- 30-40 tents occupied last night.
- Gradual gathering of people from 9am until now.
- toilets full & roped off this morning. →
- kitchen tent - mess → reminded that they couldn't do onsite cooking.
- Reports of a noontime rally but no evidence of this as of yet.

Dean Robinson VPD:

- ~ 200 pple onsite

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

Concern about those in Granite district

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

J. McCurney - VFKS.

- Request that if fire is needed, follow normal protocol
- 1 request to use a generator, → answer pending this call.
- no cooking onsite → request for a hotplate & 1 generator in a tent.

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Murray Wightman -

- Trucks arriving in 45 min. (~13:00) to clean out port-o-potties.
- Shelly met w/
- Council of Canadians organizers supplied toilets.

Update

- Some tents going up, some coming down. Generally a small increase in # of tents.
- Cooking issue:
 - Angelo (Health): donation of food being accepted, no perishables (organizers have agreed to this).

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- Official line will be that, as a result of ~~concerns~~ from Fire, ^{no fire plan} safety issues, noise concerns, \therefore issue of bringing in fuel for generator we will not condone cooking ^{on site}.
No permits either.

- Generators are on site, used by media. No cooking, \therefore do not condone ~~the presence of~~ use of generators.

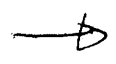
s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

~~_____~~ but will speak to organizers about concerns.

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)



*Corporate Comms will continue speaking points on this issue from yesterday.



• Noise Issue:

- Noise complaint from Rosewood hotel, drumming that continued until 1am.
- no complaints from Hotel Vancouver.
- Will speak to the hotel ^{to establish point of contact w/manager} & will monitor noise levels tonight.

• Twitter → some pushbacks against 1st responders walking through test area.

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

• Traffic:

- Yesterday, march split off into several groups, blocking many of the nearby streets. ~2000 ppl coming about 7 blocks. As of today, reduced activity so may not be as big of an issue. Tomorrow this may be complicated by business traffic.
- Any info we can get from organizers → convey to Traffic & Transit regarding plans tomorrow so they can communicate to commuters.
- Onstreet parking dropped until Tuesday. Will re-evaluate later today. allowing parking may help to normalize activity @ site. Affects businesses as well.
- Business Association supports public safety if this means having parking restricted in area.
- Fire → need to ensure parking/access for 1st responders.

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- Business Association = working w/ Corporate Comm's re: message about police presence, safety downtown. Reports yesterday of less business for merchants b/c ppl are worried about going downtown.
 - Weather for the week is improving. Little no rain until Friday?
 - Next conference call scheduled for 8pm tonight.
- Observation updates.
- * Yesterday, $\frac{2}{3}$ of crowd were older, today $\frac{2}{3}$ is younger crowd. Still very peaceful (1pm).



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**CITY OF VANCOUVER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE
SITUATION REPORT**

Event: Occupy Vancouver
Date: October 15, 2011
Time: 15:00
Prepared by: Dan Campbell
Approved by: Daniel Stevens *for* Kevin Wallinger, EOC Director

Emerging Issues

The demonstration has been civil and the VFRS and VPD have been working together to ensure that emergency vehicles have not be blocked. 311 calls have been minimal. At least 16 tents have been erected, along with some porta-potties.

- Issues regarding access to water and power were resolved between participants and authorities.
- Georgia Street (between Howe and Hornby streets) blocked by Occupy Vancouver participants. Potential for traffic disruptions. Transit is making adjustments as required.
- Hornby bike lanes may be blocked.
- As darkness falls and it becomes colder, burning barrels might be used which could be a safety issue.
- Smaller splinter group is relocating to Canada Place.
- Unsure how many of the participants will remain in the evening or over-night.
- More tents are being set up.

Operational Areas and Venues

North Plaza - Vancouver Art Gallery:

- Max Capacity: 5,000
- Current Occupants: 2,000 (Transit Police have crowd estimated to be 6,000 to 7,000)
- Current/Expected Issues: none

Transportation

Road Closures:

- Georgia Street (between Howe and Hornby streets)

Public Transit:

- Regular volumes

Departments/Agencies
<p>Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None <p>Fire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None <p>Ambulance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None <p>Engineering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

NOTES - Conference Call 20:00
 2011-10-15
 - Daniel Stevens
 EOC Director.

- all streets open.
- decentralized dance party - ~~no noise~~
- 500 people

On Meeting

- Pascal - BCAS
- ✓ Peter Borgman - Translink
- Murray Whitman - Streets
- Mark Cole - Canada Line
- Garrick Brand
- Dean Robinson - VPD
- ✓ Mike Madell - Translink
- Brian Crowe -
- * Jim Chi - VPD
- ✓ Brenda Proskan -
- Mary Wellman -
- Kate Hopwood -
- Dave Guscott -
- Mike Purdy -
- Sadhu -
- * Wendy Stewart
- ✓ Jody VCH -
- Jerry Dobrowsky
- Charles Gantier
- Scott Edwards
- α John Oakley
- ↳
- Late
- * attendance unknown.

Jerry

- crowds thinned out.
- General Assembly slow going.
- * smoking & voting.
- discontentment in crowd as they've only talked about process.
- incense/toxic smell complaints - done cigarettes(?)
- still kids running around.
- approx 500 people.
- crowd was quite loud. 30-35 boom boxes. Generator onsite - large gen at food tent loud + noisy.
- Porta Potty's full - won't be emptied before Monday. 24490
- still tents setting up. 30-40+

Issues to raise
 Porta Potty!
 Feeling of
 - what we do
 Sunday
 Night
 Meeting
 Open fan
 Staff -
 Jerry -
 were you
 at it?

Borgman - most of transit back to normal.

Jody - no hypothermia yet - people coming have enough provisions.

Jerry - will 1st aid tent stay open?

Les Sikela - ~~will be~~

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

Mike Purdy -

Martin Cole/translink - departing.

- "Occupy" epoxy painting issue only.
- Some concern on march (behaviour) but nothing transpired. Black Block crowd element in crowd, but too spread out.

Jerry - 1st aid tent 24/7 - Industrial 1st Aid + 2 nurses.

- roughest people in crowd now.

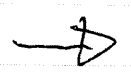
Brenda - Handless in area?

Jerry - no

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)

Mike Purdy -

Jerry - at meeting!



Charles - how to deal with music?

Sadhu - 10pm noise bylaw. Charles hasn't heard.
Hotels with have an issue if noise continues.

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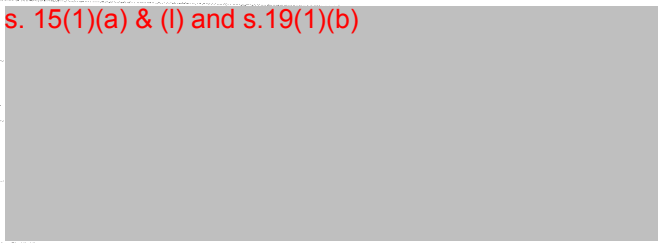
Cade - 10pm Kickout - not true. All VPD know this is not true. Mari Wellman will get info out that this is not true. Also include request to turn down noise at the time.

Les S. - stopped some propane + cooking. No cooking on site.

late for tomorrow.

Mike Purdy -

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)



City at the meetings:

Should we be connected to the mtgs. - Sadhu to connect with James.


Talk about plans for Sunday night at noon mtg tomorrow

Jerry - noise - big issue for EOC. → noise + porta potty in

Sadhu to talk to James MacDonald.

- Toilets
- Schedule tomorrow.
- Noise.
- Ask when there's a meeting.

s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s. 19(1)(b)



Any problems → Call Sadhu on cell.

Next Conf Call - tomorrow at noon.

Can City more porta-potty's.



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CITY OF VANCOUVER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE
SITUATION REPORT

Event: Occupy Vancouver
Date: October 15, 2011
Time: 21:30
Prepared by: Brian Beck
Approved by: Daniel Stevens, EOC Director

Summary and Emerging Issues

The demonstration continues to be civil and crowd size decreased over course of the afternoon to approximately 500 from maximum of approximately 4,000. Two streets blocked off temporarily near VAG during the day but those streets are now clear. Very few calls to 311.

- Approximately 30-40 tents erected and porta-potties now full. Event Organizers have stated no plan to empty porta-potties until Monday. City is looking for ways to address this issue with Event Organizer.
- Noise may be an issue with combination of PA systems and music from Decentralized Dance Party. 311 and Police will record and follow-up as required. Corp communications will ask event participants to be respectful via social media feeds.
- In terms of health, no cold weather issues expected as attendees are well dressed, and organizers have nurses in attendance all night.
- s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- Time for daily general assemblies still unclear and Sadhu Johnson contacting event organizer (James McDonald) to ask for updates on their plans.
- s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- Organizers held planning meeting at 6pm with about 40 people. City will follow-up with event organizers to see if it is possible for City staff to observe.
- Live internet feed now established by organizers but only approximately 100 viewers.
- No significant problems with crowd that moved around town during day
- During 7pm General Assembly most of discussion was about coordination and process.

- Fire confirmed no propane on site but there are a few cooking pots beside generators.
- Unsure how many of the participants will remain in the evening or overnight.

Operational Areas and Venues

North Plaza - Vancouver Art Gallery:

- Max Capacity: 5,000
- Current Occupants: 500
- Current/Expected Issues: potential for after-hours noise issues and porta-potties now full.

Transportation

Road Closures:

- None

Public Transit:

- Regular volumes

Departments/Agency Issues

Police:

- None

Fire:

- None

Ambulance:

- None

Engineering:

- None

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE CALL - 2000 HRS - 16 OCT 2011

ISSUE	COMMENTS	DECISION
Noise Control	<p>s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)</p> <p>Question: Will the City enforce Noise By-law?</p>	
Traffic Control Plan for Monday	<p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are extra measures required for Monday morning? • Should we lift parking restrictions tonight? • VAG has in-load Monday morning 	
Enforcement of No Cooking Policy		

Generator Use		
Tent Encampment	Question: Do we let it run its course?	
EOC Operations	s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)	



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CITY OF VANCOUVER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE
SITUATION REPORT

Event: Occupy Vancouver
Date: October 16, 2011
Time: 1415
Prepared by: Brian Beck
Approved by: Brian Crowe, EOC Director

Summary and Emerging Issues

Overall Status:

- *Porta-potties are cleaned out as of 1345*
- *Gradual growth in numbers, VPD reports 300+ ppl on site at 1300 (via Twitter); participant demographics are changing to younger crowd*
- *General assembly in progress at 1330; Second Assembly planned for 1900.*
- *s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)*
- *Weather forecast has clear weather until Friday*

Traffic:

- *Street marches are planned marches for Sunday; anticipate impacts on business traffic Monday - monitor disruptions;*
- *Delivery of supplies to local businesses (not discussed)*
- *Local retailers reporting drop in sales; need messaging to assure public of their safety*

Noise control:

- *Rosewood hotel complained (patron customers heard drumming at 0100 Sunday); no other issues with protest*
- *s. 15(1)(a) & (l) and s.19(1)(b)*

Site power:

- *Use of generator was tolerated on Saturday without explicit permission; options for control include prohibition of refueling, and making VAG-sourced electricity conditional upon removal of generators*
- *There is a safety issue related to candle use; there is growing*

pressure for propane use; VFRS notes that there is no permit or fire plan

Food:

- *Agreement reached via VCH to refuse donations of perishable foods*
- *Planning Group consensus = no cooking on site, citing safety, cleanliness, power concerns*
- *VCH to monitor cooking activity*

Legality of occupation:

- *Permit: encourage "Special Event" permitted approach*

Communications:

- *Need communications messaging re. safety; speak with organizers about traffic impacts; assess reaction to messaging - get site reps to talk to organizers and then report on reaction to EOC*
- *Generally positive attitude to presence of police / 1st responders; evidence of antagonistic attitude by small number of participants*
- *A live internet feed is working for general assembly meeting at the following address- <http://www.livestream.com/axiomatigaorg>*

Operational Areas and Venues

North Plaza - Vancouver Art Gallery:

- Max Capacity: 5,000
- Current Occupants: approx. 100, gradually increasing
- Current/Expected Issues: none

Transportation

Road Closures:

- None as of 1400

Public Transit:

- None

Parking Restrictions:

- On street parking: evaluate restrictions, consider how return of parking may normalize conditions; keep restrictions in place for now; First responder access a concern; decals can be prepared

Departments/Agency Issues

Police:

- None

Fire:

- None

Ambulance:

- None
- Engineering:
- None