

File No. 04-1000-20-2016-049

March 30, 2016

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 in response to your request received on February 15, 2016, for:

All emails and other correspondence sent to or received by Vancouver Park Board Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung involving the Aquarium, from November 16, 2014 to February 15, 2016.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download those sections 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 & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (04-1000-20-2016-049); 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 the Freedom of Information Office at foi@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Van Fraassen', with a stylized, flowing script.

Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
Director, Access to Information
City Clerk's Department, City of Vancouver
Email: Barbara.vanfraassen@vancouver.ca
Telephone: 604.873.7999

Encl.

:cf

From: "[Kirby-Yung, Sarah](mailto:Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca)" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>

To: "[Bromley, Malcolm](mailto:Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca)" <Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca>

Date: 1/26/2016 11:07:14 AM

Subject: Fwd: Tweet by Daman Beatty on Twitter

FYI

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>

Date: January 26, 2016 at 11:00:33 AM PST

To: "Harper, Margo" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Tweet by Daman Beatty on Twitter

Margo,

Wanted to ensure you are aware now that the film is public. And given this person has 11.6k followers.

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Sent from my iPhone



Daman Beatty ([@Beatler](https://twitter.com/Beatler))

[2016-01-25, 6:21 PM](#)

Newly Released Documentary Exposes a Dark Side to Vancouver Aquarium

animaljustice.ca/blog/newly-rel...

[Download](#) the Twitter app

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From: "[Kirby-Yung, Sarah](mailto:Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca)" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>

To: "[Harper, Margo](mailto:Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca)" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>

Date: 1/27/2016 1:20:13 PM

Subject: Re:

Yes I watched it. CTV did call Stuart McKinnon but he wasn't able to get back to them.

Aquarium are entrenching into their position nothing is bad and nothing is wrong.

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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On Jan 27, 2016, at 1:02 PM, Harper, Margo <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Looks like Aaron Jasper was interviewed, but no current Commissioners for CTV story yesterday.

Interesting, in talkback w reporter after piece, he reports that according to Aquarium, "no longer pursuing legal action" against Park Board.

<http://bc.ctvnews.ca/vancouver-aquarium-s-breeding-program-under-fire-in-new-documentary-1.2753600>

[<image005.png>](#) Margo Harper | Communications Manager

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margo.harper@vancouver.ca

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From: ["Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca)

To: ["Bromley, Malcolm" <Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca)

Date: 3/23/2015 12:16:42 PM

Subject: Re: Aquarium

Hello Malcolm,

Thank you for the update. I am pleased to see the Aquarium being responsive to input arising from the process last year, and look forward to receiving the reports.

Regards,

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Vice-Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 23, 2015, at 11:14 AM, Bromley, Malcolm <Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca> wrote:

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> Dear Commissioners,

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> Last Friday March 20 2015 I had a meeting with Mr Clint Wright ,General Manager of the Vancouver Aquarium. This was a follow up to correspondence I received earlier in March from Mr John Nightingale with respect to their future plans as they relate to cetaceans and general oversight.

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> The Aquarium is in the final stages of developing new or enhanced procedures and practices that are aimed at addressing some of the issues raised in 2014 at our public Board meetings dealing with cetaceans. I have provided some initial feedback and will be reconnecting with Clint in the near future to review their proposals. Once ready, I will process any necessary reports or updates through the Board for your information and approval as required.

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> I share this information to keep you aware of some of the work that is going on related to this important topic.

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> Please let me know if you have any questions.

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> Regards,

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> -----

> Malcolm Bromley

> General Manager - Vancouver Park Board

From: "[Harper, Margo](mailto:Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca)" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>

To: "[Kirby-Yung, Sarah](mailto:Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca)" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
"[Bromley, Malcolm](mailto:Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca)" <Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca>

Date: 1/26/2016 11:18:31 AM

Subject: RE: CTV News Story

Hi Sarah –

I know you are both enroute to the service awards. I just spoke to Malcolm on another issue before I saw this. Can I help you with this in any way Sarah? I know the reporter well, in fact I hired him. Don't like the increasing practice of approaching Commissioners directly as leaves you without support, logistical and otherwise.

I am going to contact Scott to determine his story focus and timelines and will not commit to any interview at this time. Will await direction on potential messaging, if any.

Margo

From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 11:07 AM
To: Bromley, Malcolm; Harper, Margo
Subject: Fwd: CTV News Story

Malcolm,

Just called you. Please call me back as soon as you can.

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Roberts <Scott.Roberts@bellmedia.ca>
Date: January 26, 2016 at 11:05:40 AM PST
To: "'sarah.kirby-yung@vancouver.ca'" <sarah.kirby-yung@vancouver.ca>
Subject: CTV News Story

Hi Sarah

Here's a link to the film....

<http://uk.whales.org/blog/2016/01/vancouver-aquarium-uncovered>

Scott Roberts | Anchor / Reporter

CTV VANCOUVER | Cell 604-340-5495 | scott.roberts@bellmedia.ca
969 Robson St.
Vancouver, BC V6Z 1X5

<http://w>

@ScottRobertsCTV

From: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

"Park Board GM's Office" <pbgmo@vancouver.ca>

"Chan, Cheryl" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>

Date: 10/9/2015 12:03:51 AM

Subject: Re: Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup Municipality Approval

Hello s.22(1)

Thank you for you and your family's participation in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.

I am forwarding your inquiry to our General Manager's office to assist.

Regards,

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Vice Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2015, at 8:09 AM, s.22(1) wrote:

Dear Ms. Sarah Kirby-Yung,

My name is s.22(1) and my family is volunteering to organize a cleanup at Stanley Park Second Beach as part of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, presented by Loblaw Companies Limited. I am contacting you to make sure that we have permission to access the location we are planning to clean. I would also like advice on how to dispose of the waste we collect during our cleanup.

A joint conservation initiative of the Vancouver Aquarium and WWF, the Shoreline Cleanup is about removing shoreline litter to help create healthy waters for everyone, including the wildlife and communities that depend on them. It is a participant-driven event whereby volunteers, such as our group, register to coordinate shoreline cleanup events in their local community.

It is our responsibility to arrange waste collection and ensure that the location registered is accessible to clean on the date chosen by our group. Please take a moment and let us know the following so that we can proceed with planning our cleanup.

My Event Details: [Stanley Park Second Beach] [October 24th, 2015 at 13:00]

- Cleanup location availability: Please let us know if the location we registered is available. If there are any concerns, please provide suggestions on how to proceed.
 2. Waste removal instructions: We must determine the best method to dispose of the collected waste. Please let us know if you have an approved method and whom we should contact.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this important information. We are looking forward to hosting a local cleanup and discussing our event with you. For more information on this initiative, please visit the program website at ShorelineCleanup.ca or phone 1-877-427-2422.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: "Harper, Margo" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>
To: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
Date: 1/26/2016 9:53:16 PM
Subject: Re: Messaging re: Vancouver Aquarium Expose

Sure thing Sarah. Let's talk tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2016, at 7:32 PM, Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Margo,

Let's discuss.....

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amber Sessions <asesions@tourismvancouver.com>
Date: January 26, 2016 at 9:33:14 AM PST
To: "john.coupar@vancouver.ca" <john.coupar@vancouver.ca>, "sarah.kirby-yung@vancouver.ca" <sarah.kirby-yung@vancouver.ca>
Cc: Suzanne Raikes <sraikes@tourismvancouver.com>, Sonu Purhar <spurhar@tourismvancouver.com>
Subject: Messaging re: Vancouver Aquarium Expose

Hi Sarah and John,

Our CEO received the below email about a new Vancouver Aquarium expose.

We have yet to decide if/how we will respond to s.22(1) but in the event we get media calls, or more emails from the general public, do you have any key messaging we should take into account when responding?

We have also reached out to the Vancouver Aquarium.

Hope you are both doing well.

Amber

Amber Sessions
Manager, Communications
Tourism Vancouver
t: 604.631.2870
tourismvancouver.com

----- Forwarded message -----

From: s.22(1)
Date: Mon, Jan 25, 2016 at 9:32 PM -0800
Subject: Vancouver Aquarium - Expose
To: "Ty Speer" <tyspeer@tourismvancouver.com>

Hello There;

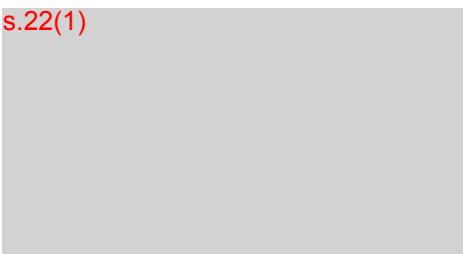
This is an important documentary for Vancouver Tourism to be aware of. No doubt you are aware of the countless cases of tourism revenues being seriously eroded as a result of the bad publicity surrounding "attractions" that abuse wild animals. SeaWorld is a perfect example, and in fact, is linked to the Vancouver Aquarium. For those of us advocating for an end to the enslavement, exploitation and abuse of whales and dolphins, we are very grateful for this documentary.

<http://uk.whales.org/blog/2016/01/vancouver-aquarium-uncovered>

Heartbreaking, but so glad the enslavement, exploitation and abuse of whales and dolphins, a la Seaworld, is coming to light.

Thanks, s.22(1)

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From: "[Kirby-Yung, Sarah](mailto:Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca)" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>

To: "[Harper, Margo](mailto:Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca)" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>

Date: 1/26/2016 5:03:53 PM

Subject: Re: RE: RE:

Ok, thanks much.

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2016, at 1:34 PM, Harper, Margo <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca> wrote:

He hasn't even called back. Not going to send anything unless he does. The attention span of TV reporters is very short. I am very familiar w the species.

From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 1:29 PM
To: Harper, Margo
Cc: Bromley, Malcolm
Subject: Re: RE:

Hi Margo,

See tweak below.

Ok to not go on camera at moment/today.

Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2016, at 12:02 PM, Harper, Margo <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Slight change as per Malcolm in second bullet:

The matter of cetaceans in captivity has not been a priority for the current elected Park Board

From: Harper, Margo
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah
Cc: Bromley, Malcolm (Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca)
Subject:

The care and management of cetaceans is the responsibility of our partners at the Vancouver Aquarium.

The precious Board had an extensive process on cetaceans in 2014.