

File No. 04-1000-20-2016-134

May 9, 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 responding to your request of April 4, 2016 for:

**For April 18-20, 2016, the Chinese media monitoring report, including, but not limited to: dates, publications, links and abstracts/summaries or full stories.**

All responsive records are attached.

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](mailto: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 (#04-1000-20-2016-134); 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](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical line on the left that curves into a horizontal line with a small peak in the middle, resembling a stylized 'B' or 'V'.

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#### 4.15 (Fri)

##### (Ming Pao) Vancouver Mayor's Chief of Staff Switched to Special Adviser To Help Vancouver Pursue Funding For Large Infrastructure Projects

[http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160415/vas3\\_r.htm](http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160415/vas3_r.htm)

- Robertson: half of Vancouver taxpayers' taxes go to Ottawa, hope residents' "investment" would have a good return
- Kevin Quinlan will be promoted to Mike Magee's position as chief of staff, while no one will replace the deputy chief of staff position

#### 4.16 (Sat)

##### (Sing Tao) A Shanghai Website's Search For Canada Properties In First Quarter This Year Increased By 134%

<http://vancouver.singtao.ca/526728/2016-04-15/post-滬網站搜尋加地-點擊率首季翻倍/?variant=zh-hk>

source: Bloomberg News:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-04-13/chinese-buyers-hungry-for-canadian-homes-with-inquiries-up-134>

- The website is juwai.com

##### (Sing Tao) Vancouver Molson Property Will Be Converted To High Tech Site Like Hong Kong's "Digital City" Project

<http://vancouver.singtao.ca/528094/2016-04-16/post-溫市 molson 酒廠物業-擬採數碼港模式變身/?variant=zh-hk>

<http://www.lahoo.ca/article-85161-1.html>

- Cllr. Louie: job creation is important for a city's development, and the high tech and green energy development there may be more appropriate for the heavy industrial development in the past
- Cllr. Jang: City doesn't intend to exclude its industrial use. The developer plans to work with three levels of governments to attract high tech companies which are in line with local employment goals. Confident that they would get the rezoning permit. But adding

residential is not acceptable, dormitory for company workers can be located in surrounding areas

### **(Sing Tao) Green High Tech Industry More Effective**

<http://vancouver.singtao.ca/528070/2016-04-16/post-高科技綠色工業更具效益/?variant=zh-hk>

- False Creek not suitable for industrial anymore. City should work with Metro Van to move the industrial use to other areas, and refine the concept of “industrial”. City should also consider whether certain areas are better for high tech development

### **(Sing Tao) Expo 86 Instrumental For Vancouver's Growth**

<http://vancouver.singtao.ca/528071/2016-04-16/post-86 世博成溫市起飛盛事/?variant=zh-hk>

### **(Sing Tao) Molson Beer Standing Tall in Vancouver For Close to 60 Years**

<http://vancouver.singtao.ca/528067/2016-04-16/post-啤酒廠屹立溫市近 60 年/?variant=zh-hk>

- Informational about the history of Molson Land

4.17 (Sun)

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4.18 (Mon)

**(AM1470) Vancouver City Council Soon Discuss Plan to Own An Affordable Home**

[http://www.am1470.com/news\\_detail.php?i=59400](http://www.am1470.com/news_detail.php?i=59400)

(AM1470) VSB Consult Public On Whether To Sell Non-School Properties

[http://www.am1470.com/news\\_detail.php?i=59405](http://www.am1470.com/news_detail.php?i=59405)

(Sing Tao) City of Vancouver's Enforcement On Pot Dispensaries End of April. About A Hundred Stores May Have To Close

<http://vancouver.singtao.ca/530876/2016-04-18/post-溫市月底執法-料關逾百大麻店/?variant=zh-hk>

- Expect that with the over 100 dispensaries, only about 12 would left
- Some dispensaries respect city bylaw while some don't
- Although the number of dispensaries has been decreasing, the demand is on the rise.

(Ming Pao) City Would Enforce To Close Dispensaries That Violate Bylaws End of April

[http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160418/vasb\\_r.htm](http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160418/vasb_r.htm)

- Cllr. Jang: according to current new bylaw, starting Apr 29, police will enforce, and City staff can issue fine and conjunction to dispensaries that violate the law. Hopes the situation will be under controlled somewhat. Believes that most of them will have to cease operation until they get a license again
- Although the number of pot dispensaries will be largely reduced, still enough channels to buy medical use pot
- Jodi Emery: shouldn't force shut the dispensaries as they have been peaceful and open for a long time

4.19 (Tue)

(AM1470) Vancouver Pot Dispensary Disagreed With Their Removal of Business License File Lawsuit

[http://www.am1470.com/news\\_detail.php?i=59414](http://www.am1470.com/news_detail.php?i=59414)

- Pot dispensary: think the appeal board are pressured by City to reject their appeal, which is unfair

(Sing Tao) VSB Proposed To Sell Kingsgate Mall

<http://vancouver.singtao.ca/532397/2016-04-19/post-溫教局擬售東區商場土地/?variant=zh-hk>

- VSB chair Mike Lombaradi: will decide after consulting public opinions. Hope more will come to attend
- VSB: even selling the land, the money can't be used to cover the current operation deficit, but only on new infrastructure like building new schools or renovating old ones

(Ming Pao) VSB Would Consult Public For Future Use of Kingsgate Mall. Own 4 Non-School Properties Looking For Ways To Cub Financial Challenges

[http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160419/vasa\\_r.htm](http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160419/vasa_r.htm)

- Lombardi: definitely won't see school properties as the board may not be able to buy it back

(AM1470) Vancouver City Cllr Motion To Ban Corporate And Union's Election Campaign Contribution

[http://www.am1470.com/news\\_detail.php?i=59435](http://www.am1470.com/news_detail.php?i=59435)

(AM1470) Vancouver Park Board

[http://www.am1470.com/news\\_detail.php?i=59440](http://www.am1470.com/news_detail.php?i=59440)

(AM1470) City of Vancouver Plans to Increase Rain Water Collection To 90%

[http://www.am1470.com/news\\_detail.php?i=59428](http://www.am1470.com/news_detail.php?i=59428)

(Fairchild TV) Vancouver City Council Suggested Affordable Housing Trial Program

<http://fairchildtv.com/news.php?n=bc5248bec66e472f11f85710936fe03c>

(Fairchild TV) Vancouver City Council Discussed On Expanding Rain Water Collection Facilities

<http://fairchildtv.com/news.php?n=bc5248bec66e472f11f85710936fe03c>

### **(AM1320) Vancouver City Council Will Discuss Affordable Home Ownership Program**

[http://am1320.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=14272%3A2016-04-19-18-34-11&catid=1%3A2010-10-18-20-52-02&Itemid=97&lang=zh](http://am1320.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=14272%3A2016-04-19-18-34-11&catid=1%3A2010-10-18-20-52-02&Itemid=97&lang=zh)

- Cllr. De Genova suggested the affordable ownership pilot program last year. Motion will very likely be passed, but still require Province to amend Vancouver Charter. Will persuade Community, Sports & Culture Minister Fassbender
- Whether it would increase City spending? Cllr. Louie: details to be discussed. According to preliminary plan, will increase building density to developers for providing the affordable housing units so that they would pay for the construction cost while City bares at least 20% of the cost. Will let City's financial partner handle the administrative work and assess applicants in order to control the costs for taxpayers

#### **4.20 (Wed)**

### **(AM1470) 420 Marijuana Day At Sunset Beach And Outside Vancouver Arte Gallery**

[http://www.am1470.com/news\\_detail.php?i=59456](http://www.am1470.com/news_detail.php?i=59456)

- The story is informational but not analytical
- Park Board emphasized yesterday, opposed to 420, but won't ask police to enforce. It'll be by VPD's discretion
- VPD: only monitor the event today and won't take any action

### **(Ming Pao) VSB Urged Students Not to Participate In 420**

[http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160420/vap2\\_r.htm](http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160420/vap2_r.htm)

- VSB requested each school to report on no. of absent students today. Only School Board to issue a letter to students and parents advising students abstain from participating at 420, as the temptation gets bigger as the scale of 420 expanded

## (Ming Pao) City Cllr. Recommended Large Corporate Election Campaign Contribution To Be Decided By Provincial Referendum

<http://www.mingpaocanada.com/van/htm/News/20160420/vasc.r.htm>

- Cllr. Reimer: motion to ask Province to hold referendum in Provincial election next year, to allow City to set regulations on election campaign contributions ie. ban union and corporate contributions and limit personal contribution amount.
- Motion supported by Mayor Robertson who has been advocating this in the past year. Think this can increase transparency and accountability. Vision Vancouver has accepted these contributions before but they abide the current regulations
- Cllr. Affleck: Robertson can release his own contribution info to show this genuine concern of the party's financial transparency. Still need to study the motion

## (AM1320 Talk Show) 420 At Sunset and Art Gallery

- City of Vancouver has been fueling the pot movement by allowing the dispensaries flourish without much control
- Chinese see pot is a serious matter while as local English media reported, local Canadians think this is their right and don't mind. Long-term use of pot would cause permanent brain damage]
- Too idealistic about sales of pot not going into the hands of children and gangsters
- Not that straight forward that sale of pot all go into government. Only on a superficial level
- The damage of pot on young people will be seen in 10 - 20 years
- City's responsibility for a lack of enforcement for the sale of marijuana processed foods in Sunset Beach as well as Art Gallery. No one has the guts to stop the 420 organizers who seem to have the autonomy to choose the location wherever they want
- Ridiculous that City Council pushes for pot legalization to Feds and Province, and shifted the blame to Park Board
- Worried that 420 will keep expanding further each year



- Not a surprise if 420 expanded to other city especially when pot legalization take place next spring
- no reason to protest with legalization in progress, but organizers can still hold it under any umbrella