

File No.: 04-1000-20-2017-213

June 19, 2017

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 May 30, 2017 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation staff stated on May 15, 2017 that they had received roughly 11,000 emails & letters opposed to a proposed amendment to the city's Parks Control By-law banning importation and display of cetaceans, and about 14,000 in support of the measure:

1. A summary of any such communication received by the board from members of the public in support of the board's statement that details how many emails, letters, fax messages and phone calls it had received (e.g. 300 emails, 3 phone calls, 5 letters supporting the by-law, 500 emails, 0 phone calls, 2 letters, 1 fax opposed).
2. The summary should state what method was used to detect any sentiment (support vs. opposition) in electronic communication if no manual analysis (by reading the text) was conducted, and, if email filters were used, a copy of relevant server log files to reproduce those statistics as well as a description or actual copy of the filter rules used. Time Frame: January 1, 2017 to May 15, 2017.

The information you are requesting is publicly available at the following link:

<http://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2017/20170515/CORRESPONDENCE-Summary-Cetaceans-20170515.pdf>

Please note: All responses were manually reviewed and sorted. If the sentiments did not clearly identify a position on cetaceans in captivity then the communication was categorized as neutral/other. For example, many expressed concerns about how rescued cetaceans would be dealt with but did not necessarily speak to the overall issue of captivity.

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

Yours truly,



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