

File No. 04-1000-20-2013-087

May 7, 2013

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 March 22, 2013, under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for:

Any and all correspondence sent and received on behalf of City of Vancouver, regarding the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station and Coast Guard Services in Metro Vancouver, between Mayor Gregor Robertson (and his staff) and Department of Fisheries and Oceans Minister Keith Ashfield and Public Safety Canada Minister Vic Toews (and their staff) and Premier Christy Clark and Attorney General Shirley Bond (and their staff), from January 1, 2012 to March 22, 2013.

All responsive records are attached.

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

Yours truly,



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June 27, 2012

His Worship Gregor Robertson
Mayor of Vancouver
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, British Columbia
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Dear Mayor Robertson:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of June 14 addressed to the Prime Minister regarding the closure of the Kitsilano Coast Guard Search and Rescue Station.

Please be assured that your comments, offered on behalf of the City of Vancouver, have been carefully reviewed. As a copy of your letter has already been sent to the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, I am certain that the Minister will appreciate being made aware of your views and will wish to give them every consideration.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Monteith".

for

P. Monteith
Executive Correspondence Officer

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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.

June 14, 2012

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
c/o pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

I am writing with regard to the Federal Government's decision to close the Kitsilano Coast Guard Search and Rescue Station. This station serves the busiest port in Canada, and responds to 300-350 search and rescue calls per year. The consolidation of rescue services at the Sea Island hovercraft base will be 17 nautical miles farther away from its current location.

We are concerned that there was no public consultation, and the City of Vancouver, Park Board, and Vancouver Police Department had no advance warning of the closure. The closure of the Kitsilano Coast Guard Search and Rescue Station is another marine safety service for Vancouver being eliminated by the Federal Government, along with the recently announced closure of the coast guard communications centre in Vancouver, and the BC command centre for emergency oil spills. Any response to increased risk to marine public safety due to Federal cutbacks may be borne by the City's first responders, such as the VPD's marine unit.

I urge your government to reverse its decision to close the Kitsilano Coast Guard Search and Rescue Station and to review any other federal marine safety cutbacks.

Sincerely,



Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

cc: Hon. Keith Ashfield, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
c/o keith.ashfield@parl.gc.ca

Vancouver Council