

File No. 04-1000-20-2015-068

May 11, 2015

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 received on March 27, 2015 for:

All of Park Board Chair John Coupar's sent and received email, including attachments, that refer to the 9 O'clock Gun and Earth Hour for the period of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 27, 2015.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.13(1) and s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download these 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 (#04-1000-20-2015-068); 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,



Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
Director, Access to Information
City Clerk's Department, City of Vancouver

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

To: "[Coupar, John](mailto:John.Coupar@vancouver.ca)" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>

Date: 3/27/2015 3:01:00 PM

Subject: FW: UPDATED Information Bulletin: Vancouver participation in Earth Hour

Here you go.

From: City of Vancouver Communications Office

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 2:59 PM

To: Harper, Margo

Subject: UPDATED Information Bulletin: Vancouver participation in Earth Hour

City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
March 27, 2015

Update: Vancouver participation in Earth Hour

At the request of the Chair of the Park Board, Vancouver's 9 o'clock gun at Stanley Park will fire at its original time during Earth Hour on Saturday, March 28, not 8:30pm to mark the start of Earth Hour.

Earth Hour will continue at its normal time from 8:30pm to 9:30pm with residents encouraged to turn out their lights during that time. Notable City buildings and facilities participating will include City Hall, Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, the False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility stacks (at the south foot of Cambie Bridge), the Museum of Vancouver / H.R. MacMillan Space Centre and the Maritime Museum.

Last month Vancouver was named Canada's national Earth Hour Champion city by the World Wildlife Federation for the second time.

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Media contact:

Corporate Communications

604.871.6336

media@vancouver.ca

From: "[Coupar, John](mailto:John.Coupar@vancouver.ca)" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
To: "[Chan, Cheryl](mailto:Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca)" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/1/2015 12:47:09 PM
Subject: Fwd: change of boom

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
Date: March 27, 2015 at 2:48:50 PM PDT
To: "Harper, Margo" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>
Cc: "Snoek, Jonathan" <Jonathan.Snoek@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: change of boom

Hi Margo

Thank you ,please keep me posted re final messaging. Appreciate you advising me on this ,earlier this AM and your follow up.

Best regards

John

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

On Mar 27, 2015, at 1:41 PM, Harper, Margo <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca> wrote:

FYI

From: Kendall-Craden, Rena
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 1:15 PM
To: MacNeil, Patricia; Sandhu, Jag; Harper, Margo
Subject: change of boom

Apparently we are not using the 9 oclock gun to herald earth hour. I welcome your thoughts on how we should handle this.

We can jump on a call shortly if you are available. RKC

All the best,

Rena Kendall-Craden
Director, Corporate Communications
City of Vancouver

T: 604 673 8121

Have your say: <http://www.talkvancouver.com>

From: "[Coupar, John](mailto:John.Coupar@vancouver.ca)" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
To: "[Chan, Cheryl](mailto:Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca)" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/1/2015 12:43:04 PM
Subject: Fwd: change of boom

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Harper, Margo" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>
Date: March 27, 2015 at 1:41:28 PM PDT
To: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
Cc: "Snoek, Jonathan" <Jonathan.Snoek@vancouver.ca>
Subject: FW: change of boom

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From: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
To: "Chan, Cheryl" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/1/2015 12:45:56 PM
Subject: Fwd: Earth Day

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
Date: March 29, 2015 at 5:09:17 PM PDT
To: s.22(1)
Subject: Re: Earth Day
s.22(1)

Hi

I'm glad you reached out ,to clarify the City was set to change the firing of the 9 O'clock gun to 830 on Sat. for earth day in fact they sent out a media release to that effect. I as Park Board Chair stopped this change and the City retracted the release ,the gun fired at 9PM on Saturday as it has for over 100 years. With regard to the Causeway this is a BC govt. MOT project Park Board authorized at their request.

Best regards

John

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

On Mar 29, 2015, at 4:50 PM, s.22(1) wrote:

Because you were pumping this up on my facebook news feeds delaying the 9:00 pm gun back to 8:30 leave it alone this 9:00 PM has worked for years and years with out you interfering, also no bike lanes on the the Stanley Park Causeway until Tolls are installed for freeloading bikers & cyclists, if this connects to sea wall bikers/cyclists must pay \$5.00 one way, this was the number one complaint of the NO side News1130/PlaceSpeak as a member, I have Todd Stone the rookie minister and project manager to stop, until tolls are installed Conservative & BC Liberal Director at Large, too many freeloaders in this city not paying their share, if these bikers/cyclists rent they only pay a \$1.25 a month that is why we have to get rid of Vision Vancouver and tell that to your NDP General Manager hired by this useless City Manager Penny Bellam the witch, hope this up coming court case will eliminate Robertson and Meggs from Council

On Sun, Mar 29, 2015 at 4:34 PM, s.22(1) wrote:

Because you were pumping this up on facebook with the delay of the 9:00 PM Gun leave it alone it has wrong for years

On Sun, Mar 29, 2015 at 4:31 PM, "Coupar, John" <"Coupar, John" > wrote:

Not sure why you directed this email to me?

Please advise

Thanks

John

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
[604 761 0795](tel:6047610795)

On Mar 29, 2015, at 4:29 PM, s.22(1) wrote:

This is day is a joke, Suzuki has made millions off this crap and you should no better, cancel this day now, it a myth

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Sent from Windows Mail

From: "[Coupar, John](mailto:John.Coupar@vancouver.ca)" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
To: "[Chan, Cheryl](mailto:Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca)" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/1/2015 12:43:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: FYI

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Harper, Margo" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>
Date: March 27, 2015 at 3:20:43 PM PDT
To: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
Cc: "Bromley, Malcolm" <Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca>, "Snoek, Jonathan" <Jonathan.Snoek@vancouver.ca>, "Chan, Cheryl" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>, PB Communications <PB.Communications@vancouver.ca>
Subject: FYI

<http://www.straight.com/blog/420031/park-board-chair-john-coupar-stops-9-oclock-gun-firing-prematurely-earth-hour>

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Park Board | City of Vancouver
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margo.harper@vancouver.ca

From: "[Coupar, John](mailto:John.Coupar@vancouver.ca)" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>

To: "[Chan, Cheryl](mailto:Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca)" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>

Date: 4/1/2015 12:47:31 PM

Subject: Fwd: Information Bulletin: Boom! 9 o'clock guns fires at 8:30pm for Earth Hour

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>

Date: March 27, 2015 at 10:55:54 AM PDT

To: "Bromley, Malcolm" <Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Information Bulletin: Boom! 9 o'clock guns fires at 8:30pm for Earth Hour

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Begin forwarded message:

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

Date: March 27, 2015 at 10:52:07 AM PDT

To: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>

Cc: "Bromley, Malcolm" <Malcolm.Bromley@vancouver.ca>, "Harding, Bill" <Bill.Harding@vancouver.ca>

Subject: FW: Information Bulletin: Boom! 9 o'clock guns fires at 8:30pm for Earth Hour

This was just issued from the City. Neither Bill nor Chair Coupar were aware of the announcement. Joe Schnedel (?) at Evans was aware and had arranged it w City Managers' office.

From: City of Vancouver Communications Office

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 10:03 AM

To: Harper, Margo

Subject: Information Bulletin: Boom! 9 o'clock guns fires at 8:30pm for Earth Hour

City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin

March 27, 2015

Boom! 9 o'clock gun fires at 8:30pm for Earth Hour

The City of Vancouver's historic 9 o'clock gun will go off at 8:30pm this Saturday, March 28 to mark the beginning of Earth Hour.

Notable City buildings will go dark for the hour, including City Hall, Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, the False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility stacks (at the south foot of Cambie Bridge), the Museum of Vancouver / H.R. MacMillan Space Centre and the Maritime Museum.

The City encourages residents to turn out their lights and use Earth Hour as motivation to make plans and take action to reduce energy use year-round. The symbolic action of collectively turning out our lights can serve to remind us all of the actions that we can take to contribute to our sustainable future.

On February 20, Vancouver was named the World Wildlife Fund's Canadian Earth Hour Champion for the second time, in large part thanks to the work Vancouver residents have done to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make innovative steps towards becoming the greenest city in the world.

During last year's Earth Hour, British Columbians saved 65 megawatt hours of electricity and reduced the provincial electricity load by one per cent: the equivalent of turning off about 1.4 million lights.

Earth Hour is a global initiative put on by the World Wildlife Fund. This year, it takes place from 8:30pm-9:30pm on Saturday, March 28. It has been taking place in Vancouver since 2008.

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Corporate Communications

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From: "[Coupar, John](mailto:John.Coupar@vancouver.ca)" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
To: "[Chan, Cheryl](mailto:Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca)" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/1/2015 12:47:46 PM
Subject: Fwd: media request

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
Date: March 27, 2015 at 10:52:42 AM PDT
To: "Harper, Margo" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Fwd: media request

I just got this

John C. Coupar ,Chair
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Robert Mackin, Jr." <bob.mackin@me.com>
Date: March 27, 2015 at 10:21:47 AM PDT
To: <john.coupar@vancouver.ca>
Subject: media request

What is the extra cost in staff time or money of the labour (and parts/materials, if necessary) required to change the 9 O'Clock Gun to an 8:30 pm firing for Earth Hour?
—bob
604-982-9130

From: "[Coupar, John](mailto:John.Coupar@vancouver.ca)" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
To: "[Chan, Cheryl](mailto:Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca)" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/1/2015 12:46:51 PM
Subject: Fwd: media request

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Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
Date: March 28, 2015 at 10:30:58 AM PDT
To: "Robert Mackin, Jr." <bob.mackin@me.com>
Subject: Re: media request

Hi Bob

Sorry for the delay in my reply. There will be no change the 9 o'clock gun will fire Today at 9pm

Best regards

John

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Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
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To: "Chan, Cheryl" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/1/2015 12:46:38 PM
Subject: Fwd: media request

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
Date: March 28, 2015 at 10:54:27 AM PDT
To: "Bob Mackin, Jr." <bob.mackin@me.com>
Subject: Re: media request

Hi Bob
I would say it was an idea which was not properly processed and clearly under the jurisdiction of the Park Board. In the end ...No harm no foul. The 9 O'clock Gun stays the 9 O'clock not the 8:30 O'clock Gun
Best regards
John

John C. Coupar ,Chair
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On Mar 28, 2015, at 10:35 AM, Bob Mackin, Jr. <bob.mackin@me.com> wrote:

I saw the statement. It mentioned your title, but not name. Was this Vision green social engineering, imposing on Park Board?

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To: "[Chan, Cheryl](mailto:Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca)" <Cheryl.Chan@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/1/2015 12:42:42 PM
Subject: Fwd: media request

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Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
604 761 0795

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Harper, Margo" <Margo.Harper@vancouver.ca>
Date: March 27, 2015 at 10:55:13 AM PDT
To: "Coupar, John" <John.Coupar@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: media request

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I've shared your concerns w Rena.

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 10:53 AM
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