Dear Mayor and Council,

Over the past few months, City staff have been working to implement improvements to how we make information available to the public on Vancouver.ca. The following improvements will become live in the days ahead:

The City will publicly post completed FOI requests from January 2016 onwards, excluding requests that contain personal information. The first release will contain approximately 80 request files from January to June 2016. Moving forward, files will be posted at the end of each month with the next release being during the first week of July.

The City has gone back to post more than 50 additional FOI releases between 2011-2015 that may have some public interest.

The City's Open Data will now also include the Annual Remuneration Report for all City of Vancouver staff who earn more than $75,000 per year! The Open Data set will include the staff member’s title, department, salary and expenses.

Implementation of a new data visualization function for Council voting records that will enable the public to easily see how individual Council members voted at past Council meetings. If you are on the internal network you can view the visualization here: [http://review.vancouver.ca/your-government/council-voting-dashboard.aspx](http://review.vancouver.ca/your-government/council-voting-dashboard.aspx) Screenshot is shown below:

In 2014, the City started to proactively post summaries of all Internal Audit reports and Bid Committee reports as well as launching a web page [vancouver.ca/your-government/reports-and-data](http://vancouver.ca/your-government/reports-and-data) which is a central resource for documents in areas that are especially important to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance:

- Freedom of information
- Internal audit reports
- Awarded bids
- In-camera meetings
- Open data
- Public consultation

I hope you and our residents will find the additional information being posted on our website to be of assistance. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if I can provide further information.

Best,

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