

File No. 04-1000-20-2016-154

May 11, 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 writing in response to your request of May 1, 2016 under the *Freedom of Information* and *Protection of Privacy Act*, (the Act), for:

For the period of April 1 to May 1, 2016, copies of all purchase orders and invoices regarding the Mayor's discretionary fund, for goods and services delivered or goods and services ordered for future delivery, for the following categories: Advertising, Consultant Services, Disposal of Refuse, Transportation Expenses, Events Expenses, Meeting Expenses, Office Supplies and Services, Misc. Supplies and Services, Special Events, Food Purchases and Travel and Training.

The records responsive to this request will be publicly posted on the City's website within 60 days. Therefore, we are applying section 20(1)(b) of the Act:

20 (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information

(b) that, within 60 days after the applicant's request is received, is to be published or released to the public;

On May 3, 2016, there was a Council Initiative:

A. THAT Vancouver City Council demonstrate a commitment to openness and transparency by directing that all expenses from the Mayor's Office budget, including expenses from the Mayor's discretionary fund, and expenses from the corresponding office budget for City Councillors, be released proactively to the public on a quarterly basis through the City's online Open Data Catalogue Dataset, including copies of all contractor and supplier invoices (consistent with appropriate privacy protection legislation), beginning with expenses for the current 2016 Budget year.

The link to this Motion on Notice is: http://council.vancouver.ca/20160503/documents/motionb4.pdf

Information you have requested will be routinely posted when available. Items such as credit card statements, purchase orders and invoices will not be available until two months after each yearly quarter. FOI requests are no longer required for this information.

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, P.O. Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt. Victoria, B.C. V8W 9A4 Tel. 250-387-5629; Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

- the file number assigned to your request (04-1000-20-2016-154);
- a copy of this letter;
- a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and
  - detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at <u>foi@vancouver.ca</u> if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA Director, Access to Information

Barbara.vanfraassen@vancouver.ca

453 W. 12th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

Phone: 604 .873.7999 Fax: 604.873.7419

:cf