

File No. 04-1000-20-2016-363

October 14, 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 responding to your request of September 27, 2016 for:

**All records about the processing and handling of FOI file no. 2016-317.**

All responsive records are attached. All other records relating to FOI file no. 2016-317 are already in your care and custody.

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](mailto: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 (#04-1000-20-2016-363); 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](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Van Fraassen', with a long, sweeping tail.

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*City Clerk's Department, City of Vancouver*  
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**From:** Freedom of Information Office on behalf of Freedom of Information Office  
 <FreedomofInformation.Office@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2016 2:59 PM  
**To:** Bertrand, Dana  
**Subject:** FOI Request: Our File No. 2016-317 - Request for Records

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Date Due	September 12, 2016	
Record Format	Records must be sent electronically; Please do not send hard copy records without first consulting the FOI Office via: <a href="mailto:foi@vancouver.ca">foi@vancouver.ca</a> .  Please ensure that emails include all attachments.	
Time Estimate		Please provide ONLY if the time required to search for and compile the records is more than 3 hours.
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*Annie Goodwyne*

FOI Clerk/Research Assistant  
 City Clerk's Office, City of Vancouver

**From:** Bertrand, Dana <dana.bertrand@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 9:50 AM  
**To:** Freedom of Information Office  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Request: Our File No. 2016-317 - Request for Records - due Sept. 12 (Reminder #1)

Sorry, I didn't realize I hadn't answered this one. The Mayor's Office doesn't have any records with regard to this request. Thanks, Dana

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**From:** Freedom of Information Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2016 2:05 PM  
**To:** Bertrand, Dana  
**Subject:** FOI Request: Our File No. 2016-317 - Request for Records - due Sept. 12 (Reminder #1)

Hi Dana, just a gentle reminder that these records are due. Can you give us an ETA, or if any problems let us know.

**Annie Goodwyne**  
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*City of Vancouver*

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**From:** Van Fraassen, Barbara <Barbara.VanFraassen@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 11:44 AM  
**To:** Bertrand, Dana; Quinlan, Kevin  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Request: Our File No. 2016-317 - res

**Importance:** High  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Hello to you both – The applicant for this file is disputing the “no responsive records” response – is there any expanded response we could provide? I can also simply return a statement that the response is correct and leave it at that. The applicant provided the following links and question:

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Evidence that records exist is below, in national media reports.

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### **CBC**

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/destination-canada-censorship-china-1.3740154>

*The first of the four Canada-themed episodes of Gao's show was set in Vancouver, where he met with the city's mayor, Gregor Robertson. Gao called Robertson "one of the most reasonable, and most reliable, leftists. He is not very radical."*

### **Vice**

[http://www.vice.com/en\\_ca/read/chinese-tv-star-accuses-canadian-tourism-officials-of-trying-to-censor-show-about-first-nations](http://www.vice.com/en_ca/read/chinese-tv-star-accuses-canadian-tourism-officials-of-trying-to-censor-show-about-first-nations)

*Other episodes of the show that focused on Canada include Xiaosong speaking with Vancouver mayor Gregor Robertson about the film industry there, and visiting Niagara Falls.*

### **Globe and Mail**

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/chinese-tv-host-accuses-canadas-tourism-body-of-pressuring-to-remove-program-on-first-nations/article31589997/>

*The first of the four Canadian episodes of Xiaosong Qi Tan looked at Vancouver. Mr. Gao discussed the city's film industry and its mayor, Gregor Robertson, with whom Mr. Gao spent nearly six hours.*

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Barb Van Fraassen  
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