

File No.: 04-1000-20-2017-113

March 30, 2017

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 20, 2017 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

The following information since the inception of the taxi industry in Vancouver:

1. Number of times City of Vancouver has sold taxi licenses to an individual or taxi company;
2. At what price these taxi licenses were sold; and
3. Terms and conditions of the taxi licenses at the time of the sale.

The City does not "sell" taxi licences. People apply for licensing and the cost of that licence is stipulated in the by-law. Current cost is \$570 for dual and regular taxi and \$285 for a temporary taxi. At this time, the City has 475 full-time taxis, 133 dual (accessible) taxis and 99 temporary taxis (weekends, special events and holidays, etc.) currently licensed.

Information for parts two and three of your request are publicly available, please refer to the Vehicles for Hire By-law:

http://app.vancouver.ca/bylaw_net/ConsolidatedReport.aspx?bylawid=6066&txtSearch=6066

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Office of 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: info@oipc.bc.ca; Tel. 250-387-5629. You will need to provide: 1) the request number: (#04-1000-20-2017-113); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information; and 4) the reason for the review.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Van Fraassen', with a stylized, flowing script.

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