

File No.: 04-1000-20-2018-316

August 15, 2018

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 June 5, 2018 for:

Regarding signs opposing the NDP provincial government's additional school tax/property surtax in violation of City of Vancouver bylaws: copies of all incident reports regarding said signs, the list of signs removed because of complaints and the list of proactive sign removals, and list of impoundments and fines, including the location of where the sign was illegally placed and/or removed from, the date and time of the complaint or proactive removal, the case or file number, the name of the city staff member, and indicate whether a fine was issued.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download this section here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Please note: 311, Property Use and Engineering were contacted to provide records.

Property Use Inspections confirm sign complaints are not broken down into specific types. Any sign complaints relating to your request are located in the records enclosed.

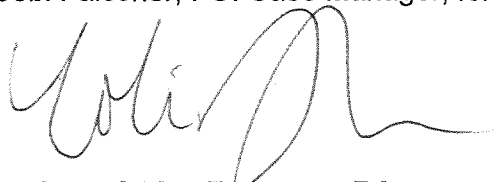
Please note, an impoundment fee was not charged as the signs did not clearly state the particular group involved with this campaign.

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipbc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2018-316); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

Cobi Falconer, FOI Case Manager, for

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cobi', followed by a large, stylized loop and a horizontal flourish.

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

Barbara.vanfraassen@vancouver.ca
453 W. 12th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

*If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604.871.6584.

Encl.

:cf

Date of Contact 01-Jun-18 Time

Business Name Shaughnessy Heights POA - No surtax

Address s.22(1)

Phone Number

Warning Issued to

Type of Issue Signs

Contacted by Jennifer Sedlacek

Result Impoundment

Photo(s) 1700-1704

Comments 6 signs located on City property.

Complainant's Name Kana Complaint

Phone Number

Date of Contact	02-Jun-18	Time	
Business Name	Shaughnessy Heights POA - No surtax		
Address	s.22(1)		
Phone Number			
Warning Issued to			
Type of Issue	Signs		
	Contacted by	Jennifer Sedlacek	
Result	Impoundment	Photo(s)	1708-1710
Comments	3 signs located on City property.		
Complainant's Name	Kana Complaint		
Phone Number			

Date of Contact	03-Jun-18	Time	
Business Name	Shaughnessy Heights POA - No surtax		
Address	s.22(1)		
Phone Number			
Warning Issued to			
Type of Issue	Signs		
	Contacted by	Jennifer Sedlacek	
Result	Impoundment	Photo(s)	1718-1719
Comments	2 signs located on City property.		
Complainant's Name	Kana Complaint		
Phone Number			

Date of Contact

04-Jun-18

Time

Business Name

Shaughnessy Heights POA - No surtax

Address

s.22(1)

Phone Number

Warning Issued to

Type of Issue

Signs

Contacted by

Jennifer Sedlacek

Result

Impoundment

Photo(s)

1723-1724

Comments

2 signs located on City property.

Complainant's Name

Kana Complaint

Phone Number

From: ["Hamilton, Tom" <tom.hamilton@vancouver.ca>](mailto:tom.hamilton@vancouver.ca)

To: ["Low, Dale" <dale.low@vancouver.ca>](mailto:dale.low@vancouver.ca)

Date: 6/13/2018 12:46:04 PM

Subject: FW: s.22(1) - Sign on City boulevard

Hi Dale,

Not sure if you have been receiving complaints about these protest signs.

This one appears to be on the City Boulevard so I'm forwarding it to you for follow up.

Thanks,

Tom Hamilton
Supervisor/ Property Use Branch
Development, Buildings & Licensing/ City of Vancouver
Tel: 604-871-6071/ Email: tom.hamilton@vancouver.ca

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From: "Hamilton, Tom" <tom.hamilton@vancouver.ca>
To: "Tuiza, Mary" <mary.tuiza@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/14/2018 4:03:18 PM
Subject: RE: "No School Tax" Signs being Removed by the City of Vancouver

Hi Mary,

I am not aware if this enquiry but have received a complaint about several of these signs.
We will be sending orders to two property owners requiring them to remove signs from their yards.

I have referred two locations to Engineering where the signs appear to be on the City boulevard and those signs may have been removed by Engineering.

Thanks,
Tom

From: Tuiza, Mary
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Hamilton, Tom
Subject: FW: "No School Tax" Signs being Removed by the City of Vancouver

Hi Tom,

Do you know anything about the inquiry below?
I haven't heard of anything in regards to any sign removals without any orders for the sign to be removed.

Thanks,
Mary

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Tuiza, Mary
Subject: Fwd: "No School Tax" Signs being Removed by the City of Vancouver

I called 311 and also talked to Property Inspections before I sent you my e-mail. They told me to contact you.

One address where the sign was removed by the City without any notice, explanation or approval has also been reported in the media, and I have confirmed with the owner of the home that the sign was indeed removed by the City:

s.22(1) in Vancouver.

I would appreciate it if you would follow up on this as 311 keeps directing me to you.

Thank you,

s.22(1)

-----Original Message-----
From: Tuiza, Mary <Mary.Tuiza@vancouver.ca>
To: s.22(1)
Sent: Thu, Jun 14, 2018 10:38 am
Subject: RE: "No School Tax" Signs being Removed by the City of Vancouver

s.22(1)

I have not heard or is not aware of any orders by the City of Vancouver in regards to the removal of these signage.
If you happen to know one of the addresses that the signage were removed from, you may call 311 to check whether there was an order for these signs to be removed at all.

As far as I know, signage removals comes with an order or letter from the City to remove them. You may ask 311 to talk to the Property Use Inspections Department for more info as they are the ones who issues orders.

Thanks,
Mary

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 3:40 AM
To: Tuiza, Mary
Subject: "No School Tax" Signs being Removed by the City of Vancouver

Mary Tuiza,

According to a recent news story, the City of Vancouver has been removing signs regarding the provincial school tax that have been placed on private residential properties by their owners. This is being done without any prior or subsequent notice to the owners as to who removed the signs or why.

Please explain the rationale by the City of Vancouver for removing the signs and without any notice. If the signs are in violation of any bylaw, please provide the relevant bylaw section and number of the violation.

Thank you,
s.22(1)

From: "Low, Dale" <Dale.Low@vancouver.ca>

To: "Hamilton, Tom" <tom.hamilton@vancouver.ca>

Date: 6/15/2018 8:34:14 AM

Subject: RE: Election General Concerns-101011259322

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Thank you forwarding this to me Tom, we have impounded several already.

Cheers,

Dale Low

Street Activities
604-871-6300

From: Hamilton, Tom

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 1:09 PM

To: Low, Dale

Subject: Election General Concerns-101011259322 (

s.22(1)

Hi Dale,

This complaint refers to a sign located on the City boulevard adjacent to s.22(1) so I'm forwarding to you for follow up.

We are dealing with the s.22(1)

Thanks,

Tom Hamilton | Supervisor | Property Use Branch
Development, Buildings & Licensing | City of Vancouver
515 West 10th Avenue | Vancouver BC | V57 4A8
604.871.6071 | tom.hamilton@vancouver.ca

CF Number	CF-2018-006747	Date of Inspection (yyyy/mm/dd)	2018/06/05
Main Address	s.22(1)	Specifics and/or Suite #	
Tenant		Number of Storeys	N/A
Owner	s.22(1)	Permit Number	
Owner		Permit Number	
Agent	N/A	Approved Use of Building/Land	N/A
District Zone	RS-5	Present Use of Building/Land	No Access
Business License	N/A		

Reason for Inspection Political sign erected on Private Property.

Narrative/Observations

Inspection today revealed there to be a free standing sign constructed of corrugated plastic approx. size 3ft x 4ft advertising [a political opinion about a certain tax to be levied on expensive homes].

The sign has been placed in the front yard at the North East corner of the lot next to a landscape feature located along the North PL.

Requirements

Sign Bylaw 11879 sec 8.5

Recommendations


7 day order to Remove Sign

Photos Taken? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Date Report Made: June 13, 2018

Michael Bidwell
Inspector's Name

Violation Details	
Violation Number: VI-2018-04552	Violation: Political Sign erected on the property
Violation Date: Jun 05, 2018	Sign By-Law No. 11879 - Section 8.5: 8.5 Free-Standing Signs A free-standing sign is permitted, that: (a) identifies a cultural, institutional or recreational use; (b) is limited to one sign on a site with one or two frontages, except that one additional sign is permitted if the site is a corner site with one frontage longer than 60 m and one frontage longer than 30 m; (c) may include one additional sign for each additional frontage on a site with more than two frontages; (d) has a height no greater than: (i) 5.0 m on a site larger than 2000 m ² , and (ii) 2.0 m on a site that is 2000 m ² or smaller; (e) has a sign area no greater than 0.30 m ² for each metre of length of frontage of the site, to the maximum set out in subsection (f) below, excluding: (i) the lower 2.75 m of the sign if the sign area is at least 2.75 m above grade, and (ii) any sign area comprised of embellishments, to a maximum of 20% of the sign area excluding that area comprised of embellishments only; (f) has a sign area no greater than: (i) 5.0 m ² on a site larger than 2000 m ² , or (ii) 2.0 m ² on a site smaller than or equal to 2000 m ² ; (g) has a copy area no greater than 40% of the sign area; (h) may have a copy area that is greater than 40% of the sign area if the sign contains a logo only; (i) if an electronic message sign: (i) is limited to one sign on a site, (ii) identifies a community centre, neighbourhood house, place of worship or school, and (iii) no more than 60% of the sign area may be electronic copy to a maximum of 2.3 m ² ; (j) may be illuminated if: (i) no more than 50% of the sign area is internally illuminated, and (ii) it is not an electronic message sign; (k) is not within 1.5 m of a property line or 1.0 m of a building; (l) is not within 45 m of another free-standing sign on the site, measured along the frontages of the site; (m) is not within 30 m of a dwelling unit facing the copy area of the sign; (n) if encroaching over a street, is perpendicular to the property line abutting the street; and (o) does not encroach over a street more than 25% of the distance between the sign and the nearest intersecting property lines, to a maximum encroachment of 3.0 m
Violation Type: Sign By-Law No. 6510	
Resolve By:	
Violation Status:	Violation Instructions: 7 day order to remove sign to R/O

Photo	Description
<div data-bbox="128 216 207 247">s.22(1)</div> 	Sign erected at the North East Corner of the site.



CE - Inspection Report (PUI)

CF Number	CF-2018-006758	Date of Inspection (yyyy/mm/dd)	2018/06/05
Main Address	s.22(1) Vancouver, BC	Specifics and/or Suite #	
Tenant	N/A	Number of Storeys	N/A
Owner	s.22(1)	Permit Number	
Agent		Approved Use of Building/Land	N/A
District Zone	RS-5	Present Use of Building/Land	No access
Business License	N/A		

Reason for Inspection Sign Bylaw -Political Sign Erected on Private Property

Narrative/Observations

Inspection today revealed there to be a free standing sign approx. 3ft x 4ft constructed of corrugated plastic and advertising a [political opinion with regard to a tax on expensive homes] the sign is situated in a landscape area adjacent to the South Property Line.

Requirements

Sign Bylaw 11879 sec 8.5

Recommendations


7 day sign removal order

Photos Taken? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Date Report Made: June 11, 2018

Michael Bidwell
Inspector's Name

Violation Details	
Violation Number: VI-2018-04555	Violation: Free standing political sign on private property
Violation Date: Jun 05, 2018	Sign Bylaw No. 11879 sec 8.5
Violation Type: Sign By-Law No.11879	Violation Instructions: day order to remove sign
Resolve By:	8.5 Free-Standing Signs A free-standing sign is permitted, that:
Violation Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) identifies a cultural, institutional or recreational use; (b) is limited to one sign on a site with one or two frontages, except that one additional sign is permitted if the site is a corner site with one frontage longer than 60 m and one frontage longer than 30 m; (c) may include one additional sign for each additional frontage on a site with more than two frontages; (d) has a height no greater than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 5.0 m on a site larger than 2000 m², and (ii) 2.0 m on a site that is 2000 m² or smaller; (e) has a sign area no greater than 0.30 m² for each metre of length of frontage of the site, to the maximum set out in subsection (f) below, excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the lower 2.75 m of the sign if the sign area is at least 2.75 m above grade, and (ii) any sign area comprised of embellishments, to a maximum of 20% of the sign area excluding that area comprised of embellishments only; (f) has a sign area no greater than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 5.0 m² on a site larger than 2000 m², or (ii) 2.0 m² on a site smaller than or equal to 2000 m²; (g) has a copy area no greater than 40% of the sign area; (h) may have a copy area that is greater than 40% of the sign area if the sign contains a logo only; (i) if an electronic message sign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) is limited to one sign on a site, (ii) identifies a community centre, neighbourhood house, place of worship or school, and (iii) no more than 60% of the sign area may be electronic copy to a maximum of 2.3 m²; (j) may be illuminated if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) no more than 50% of the sign area is internally illuminated, and (ii) it is not an electronic message sign; (k) is not within 1.5 m of a property line or 1.0 m of a building; (l) is not within 45 m of another free-standing sign on the site, measured along the frontages of the site; (m) is not within 30 m of a dwelling unit facing the copy area of the sign; (n) if encroaching over a street, is perpendicular to the property line abutting the street; and (o) does not encroach over a street more than 25% of the distance between the sign and the nearest intersecting property lines, to a maximum encroachment of 3.0 m.

Photo	Description
<div data-bbox="131 226 219 262">s.22(1)</div> 	Free standing political sign on private property



VanConnect - Other

Case number: 101011403187

Case created: 2018-06-11, 02:52:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: s.22(1)

Contact Details

Name: No Name No Name (ps)

Phone:

Email: s.22(1)

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Provide details: Large aggressive sign is imposing on the public, it is aggravating and upsetting. Renters cannot post such signs on our shared apartment property and home owners should have to follow reasonable city bylaws to keep neighbourhoods comfortable, welcoming, free of propaganda and livable for all.

Additional Details

PS#: 4334054

Map and Photo

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FYA to: Jennifer Holloway



VanConnect - Other

Case number: 101011421508

Case created: 2018-06-14, 05:21:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: s.22(1)

Contact Details

Name: No Name No Name (ps)

Phone:

Email: s.22(1)

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Provide details: Large aggressive sign is imposing on the public, it is aggravating and upsetting. Renters cannot post such signs on our shared apartment property. Wealthy home owners should have to follow reasonable city bylaws to keep neighbourhoods comfortable, welcoming, free of propaganda, and livable for all.

Additional Details

PS Description: undefined

PS#: 4354482

Map and Photo

s.22(1)

FYA to: Jennifer Holloway



VanConnect - Other

Case number: 101011421543

Case created: 2018-06-14, 05:32:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: 1510 W 33RD AV, Vancouver, V6M 1A7

Contact Details

Name: No Name No Name (ps)

Phone:

Email: s.22(1)

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Provide details: 3 Large aggressive signs are posted. They are imposing on the public, aggravating and upsetting. Renters cannot post such signs on our shared apartment property. Wealthy home owners should have to follow reasonable city bylaws to keep neighbourhoods comfortable, welcoming, free of propaganda and livable for all.

Additional Details

PS Description: undefined

PS#: 4354504

Map and Photo

s.22(1)

FYA to: Jennifer Holloway



VanConnect - Other

Case number: 101011421562

Case created: 2018-06-14, 05:37:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: s.22(1)

Contact Details

Name: No Name No Name (ps)

Phone:

Email: s.22(1)

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Provide details:

Large aggressive sign is imposing upon the public, it is aggravating and upsetting. Renters cannot post such signs on our shared apartment property. Wealthy home owners should have to follow reasonable city bylaws to keep neighbourhoods comfortable, welcoming, free of propaganda and livable for all.

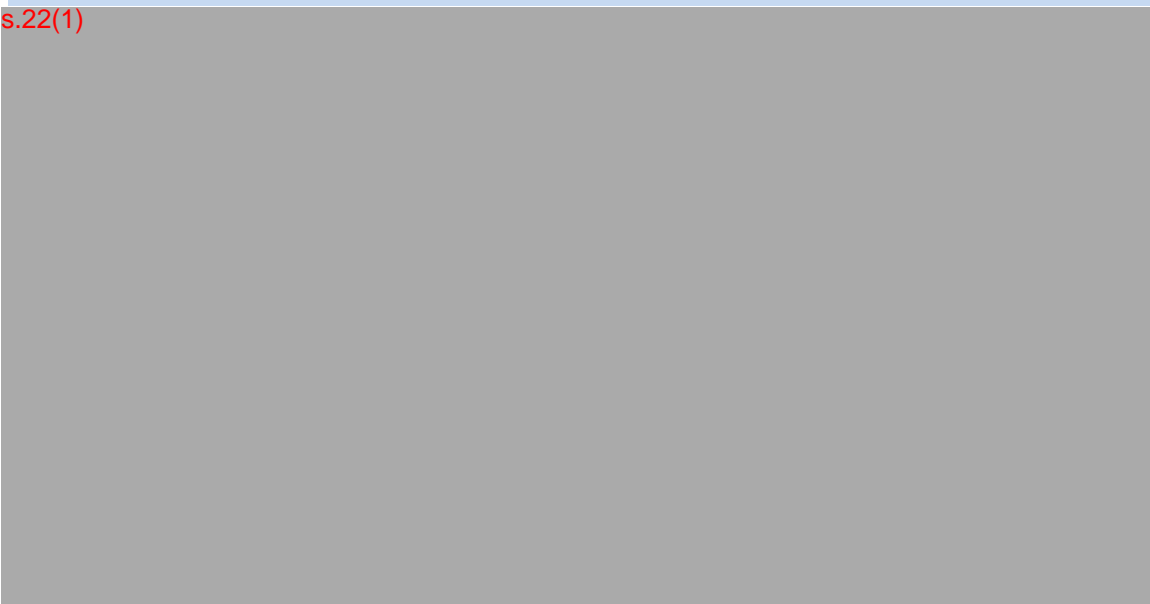
Additional Details

PS Description: undefined

PS#: 4354532

Map and Photo

s.22(1)



FYA to: Jennifer Holloway



VanConnect - Other

Case number: 101011421637

Case created: 2018-06-14, 05:52:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: s.22(1)

Contact Details

Name: No Name No Name (ps)

Phone:

Email: s.22(1)

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Provide details:

Large aggressive sign is imposing on the public, it is aggravating and upsetting. Renters cannot post such signs on our shared apartment property. Wealthy home owners should have to follow reasonable city bylaws to keep neighbourhoods comfortable, welcoming, free of propaganda and livable for all.

Additional Details

PS#: 4354563

Map and Photo



FYA to: Jennifer Holloway