

File No. 04-1000-20-2019-186

May 10, 2019

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 regarding your request of March 18, 2019, under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act***, for:

**All internal emails as well as communications with the provincial government sent and received by Councillors pertaining to the motion "A Proposed Alternative to Provincial Encroachment on the City of Vancouver's Municipal Tax Base" passed on December 12, 2018.**

**Date Range: December 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.**

All responsive records are enclosed. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.15(1)(l) of the Act. You can read or download those sections here:  
[http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

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@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 (#04-1000-20-2019-186); 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,



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

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\*If you have any questions, please email us at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

*Encls.*

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**From:** "Fry, Pete" <Pete.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
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**CC:** "Mayor's Office Staff - DL" s.15(1)(l)  
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"Hagiwara, Rosemary" <rosemary.hagiwara@vancouver.ca>  
"Leckovic, Katrina" <Katrina.Leckovic@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 12/12/2018 9:09:41 AM  
**Subject:** Ammend to B-12 RE: Amendments/changes for today

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Hi

I offer the following amend:

THAT the Mayor of Vancouver on behalf of City Council send a letter to the Premier, BC Minister of Finance, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the BC Green Party requesting that the Province withdraw the proposed surcharge on the provincial school tax **and recommend that the Province use other tax-generating options available to the Province, such as the progressive income tax system, to fund the BC budget; and as an incursion onto an established municipal land tax base.**

**FURTHER THAT it be noted in the letter to the BC Minister of Finance that the Province's progressive income tax base could more equitably generate the \$250 million in revenue that the surtax is expected to raise toward the provincial budget – e.g., a 0.25-per-cent increase applied to the top income tax bracket would mean that a taxpayer with a net income of less than \$150,000 per year would pay no additional income tax while someone earning a net income of \$250,000 per year would only pay \$250 in additional income tax.**

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**From:** Ludwig, Nicole  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 9:04 AM  
**To:** Councillors - DL; Stewart, K  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office Staff - DL; Council Support (COV) - DL; Hagiwara, Rosemary; Leckovic, Katrina  
**Subject:** Amendments/changes for today

Good morning,

Please sent me amendments/proposed changes to motions on today's agenda for the following items, with copy to Katrina Leckovic and Rosemary Hagiwara:

9. Land Value Capture in the City of Vancouver
10. Motion Calling for 600 More Units of Modular Housing in 2019
11. Call for the ABC Plan for an Accountable, Bold and Comprehensive Poverty Reduction Plan for British Columbia
12. A Proposed Alternative to Provincial Encroachment on the City of Vancouver's Municipal Tax Base
13. Mayor's Office Budget Review
14. Creating a "Baseline Review" Task Force

Thank you

Nicole

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**From:** "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Bligh, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Bligh@vancouver.ca>  
"Hardwick, Colleen" <Colleen.Hardwick@vancouver.ca>  
"Dominated, Lisa" <Lisa.Dominated@vancouver.ca>  
"De Genova, Melissa" <Melissa.DeGenova@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 12/5/2018 4:31:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Alternative to Provincial encroachment

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Thx. Let's chat on break.

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**From:** Bligh, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 2:42 PM  
**To:** Kirby-Yung, Sarah; Hardwick, Colleen; Dominato, Lisa; De Genova, Melissa  
**Subject:** FW: Alternative to Provincial encroachment

FYI!

Feel free to chime in to me on your thoughts. Thank you.

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**From:** Bligh, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 2:41 PM  
**To:** Fry, Pete  
**Subject:** RE: Alternative to Provincial encroachment

Hey Fry, thanks for working with me on this motion.

At first glance I am ok with striking paragraph 2.

The first replace THAT, I can't support any encroachment from the prov. govt even if the funds are ear marked for the COV, because this should be up to the COV tax structure, handing over this decision/power to the province misses the mark on this motion's philosophical argument. And because of this I am considering the second replace THAT below but am undecided. Stay tuned.

Bligh

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**From:** Fry, Pete  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 2:31 PM  
**To:** Bligh, Rebecca  
**Subject:** Alternative to Provincial encroachment

Hi Bligh, is Fry  
Here's what I am thinking re your motion, it's a bit mission creep but addresses my overall concerns and would enable my support

Strike para 2

Replace

THAT the municipal property tax base represents a significant revenue source for the City, and any encroachment by the Province should seek to retain revenues in the jurisdiction from which it has been collected, further

THAT as the City embarks to determine the real costs of civic infrastructure, services and access relative to land use, density and value; the Province amend the Vancouver Charter to add additional property classes if/as necessary.