

File No.: 04-1000-20-2019-350

June 18, 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 responding to your request of May 31, 2019 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

Records related to the Mayor's meetings with Chinese Consular Officials, including the following:

1. Any briefing materials provided to the Mayor in advance of the meeting (biographical info, topics to be discussed, etc);
2. Minutes from meetings;
3. Any emails from Chief of Staff that mention the meetings;
4. Any follow up correspondence after the meetings; and
5. All records and emails related to the gift exchange including costs, description of the gift and how the gift was chosen.

Date Range: November 1, 2018 to May 15, 2019.

We have completed the search for responsive records for this request and no responsive records have been located.

The Mayor's Office has confirmed there was no further correspondence between the Mayor's Office and the Chinese Consular Officials regarding their meeting.

The External Relations and Protocol Office have confirmed there are no records or emails related to the request. In regards to point 5, they have provided the following information: the Mayor presented the Consul General with a City scarf and the following two books on the history of Vancouver: *Vancouver Then and Now*, and *Land of the People: Legends of the Four Host First Nations*. This is a standard gift presented at a first meeting between the Mayor and a Consul General. In the spring, summer and fall months, the City substitutes the scarf with an umbrella.

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 or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2019-350); 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,



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*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.

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