

File No.: 04-1000-20-2019-519

August 28, 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 August 14, 2019 for:

***In relation to the Accountability for Climate Change Motion referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on June 26, 2019, request is for a copy of the letter sent by Mayor Kennedy Stewart that was sent to 20 of the world's largest fossil fuel companies.***

All responsive records are attached.

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](mailto: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 (#04-1000-20-2019-519); 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**  
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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. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604.871.6584.

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MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART

August 14, 2019

Name of Company  
Address

Attn. CEO

Dear Sirs/Masdames:

**Re: {Company Name} Responsibility for Climate Emergency Costs in Vancouver, BC, Canada**

I write to you as the Mayor of the City of Vancouver, and on behalf of City Council and our residents, who are increasingly concerned about the harmful effects that climate change will have on our community and on other communities around the world. As the elected government of Vancouver, we have a responsibility to our citizens to ensure that our infrastructure and services are developed and maintained in ways that will be able to withstand future climate impacts.

Like other communities around the world, Vancouver is already seeing the harmful effects of climate change and we are being forced to prepare for progressively more serious impacts, such as rising sea levels, wildfire smoke and extreme weather events. To deal with sea-level rise alone, the City of Vancouver expects to pay \$1 billion, and Metro Vancouver municipalities as a whole \$9.5 billion, between now and 2100.

This letter is to inform you that Vancouver City Council is committed to the process of preparing for the impacts that our communities are projected to experience due to climate change. In December 2018, City Council approved an updated climate adaptation strategy. On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, City Council passed a resolution calling on the provincial and federal governments to enact legislation holding fossil fuel companies liable for climate-related harms caused by their contributions to climate change.

Council has also adopted a Climate Emergency Response to mitigate the effects of climate change and to do our part in limiting global warming to 1.5°C. Our emergency response builds on the work of previous Councils with new investments and policies to support our target of Vancouver becoming carbon neutral before 2050, as well as helping developing jurisdictions transition to renewable energy.

It is our position that fossil fuel companies have played a key role in causing and accelerating climate change by producing and selling products with known harms to the environment. Research by Richard Heede has shown that {Company name} is responsible for X % of historic

greenhouse gas emissions to 2013<sup>1</sup>. As we undertake the task of developing a city that can withstand current and anticipated climate change, we expect fossil fuel companies to pay a portion of the resulting costs that is commensurate with their share of historic greenhouse gas emissions.

At the City of Vancouver we are committed to doing our part to minimize the costs and impacts of climate change, and would like to hear what steps you plan to take to transition your business model to adjust to a global economy that limits global warming to 1.5°C. Please include in your response how you're supporting national and sub-national policy development to limit global warming to 1.5°C, as well as how **{Company name}** plans to contribute financially to the costs being borne by the residents of Vancouver as we continue to respond to the impacts of climate change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kennedy Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kennedy Stewart  
Mayor, City of Vancouver

<sup>1</sup> The estimates of responsibility for greenhouse gases from 1854-2013 are based on the "Carbon Majors" research of Richard Heede. A summary of this research can be found at <http://www.climateaccountability.org/pdf/CAI%20PressRelease%208Dec14.pdf>, which updates earlier calculations in Heede's peer reviewed paper: Heede, R. "Tracing anthropogenic carbon dioxide and methane emissions to fossil fuel and cement producers, 1854–2010", Climatic Change (2014) 122: 229. doi:10.1007/s10584-013-0986-y.

% of GHGs to 2013	Responsible Company	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Postal	Country
3.34	Chevron	6001 Bollinger Canyon Road		San Ramon	CA	94583	USA
3.29	Saudi Aramco	P.O. Box 5000		Dhahran		31311	Saudi Arabia
3.1	Exxon Mobil	5959 Las Colinas Boulevard		Irving	Texas	75039-2298	USA
2.38	BP p.l.c.	1 St James's Square		London		SW1Y 4PD	United Kingdom
2.33	Gazprom	16 Nametkina St.		Moscow		GSP-7, 117997	Russian Federation
2.06	Royal Dutch Shell plc	PO box 162	2501 AN	The Hague			The Netherlands
2.02	National Iranian Oil Company	Hafez Crossing	Taleghani Avenue	Tehran			Iran
1.39	PEMEX	Avenida Marina Nacional #329 C 3,	Col. Verónica Anzures,	Del. Miguel Hida	Distrito Federal C.P.	11300	Mexico
1.16	Coal India Limited	Coal Bhawan, Premise No-04 MAR	Plot No-AF-III, Action Area-1A	Newtown, Rajar	Kolkata	700156	India
1.12	Conoco Phillips	600 North Dairy Ashford (77079-1175)	P.O. Box 2197	Houston	TX	77252-2197	USA
0.89	Peabody Energy	Peabody Plaza	701 Market St.	St. Louis	MO	63101-1826	USA
0.88	Petroelios de Venezuela, S.A.	Av. Libertador La Campiña 169	Ed. Petróleos de Venezuela, Torre Este	Caracas		1010-A	Venezuela
0.82	Total SA	Tour Coupole - 2 place Jean Millier	Arche Nord - Coupole/Regnault	Paris	La Défense Cedex	92078	France
0.78	PetroChina (CNPC)	9 Dongzhimen North Street	Dongcheng District	Beijing		100007	P.R.China
0.75	Kuwait Petroleum Corp.	P.O. Box: 26565		Safat		No. 13126	Kuwait
0.7	Murray Energy Corporation	46226 National Road		St. Clairsville	Ohio	43950	USA
0.66	Sonatrach	Djenane El Malik		Hydra		160335	Algeria
0.59	CONSOL Energy Inc.	CNX Center	1000 Consol Energy Drive	Canonsburg	PA	15317-6506	USA
0.55	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Centre	171 Collins Street	Melbourne	Victoria	3000	Australia
0.51	Iraq National Oil Company	c/o Iraq Ministry of Oil	PO Box 6178		Baghdad		Iraq
<b>29.32</b>	<b>Combined Total</b>						

<b>Key</b>	Privately Owned Corporation
	State Owned Corporation

**Notes:**

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West Coast Environmental Law has made reasonable efforts to identify the appropriate address for each corporate entity, but makes no guarantees. Anyone seeking to rely upon the above addresses should confirm the addresses themselves.