

File No.: 04-1000-20-2019-559

September 23, 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 September 4, 2019 for:

1. **Records (i.e. communications) related to the City's responses and decisions regarding the protest on August 17, 2019 outside the Broadway-City Hall Canada Line station on the subject of "Speaking about issues in Hong Kong"; and**
2. **Identity of the person who applied for the permit (permit number 16/08/2019).**

Date Range: August 1, 2019 to September 4, 2019.

All responsive records are attached.

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask 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: 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 assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2019-559); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking 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 'Barbara J. Van Fraassen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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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.

Encl.

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From: "Pickard, Gail" <Gail.Pickard@vancouver.ca>
To: "Tait, Godfrey" <Godfrey.Tait@vancouver.ca>
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"Wells, Neal" <Neal.Wells@vancouver.ca>
"Stasila, Lauren" <Lauren.Stasila@vancouver.ca>
"Kendall-Craden, Rena" <Rena.Kendall-Craden@vancouver.ca>
Date: 8/19/2019 10:51:20 AM
Subject: RE: Re. Ming Pao request re. COV 'permitting' Hong Kong protest

Thanks for the legwork and the update on that, Godfrey.
G.

From: Tait, Godfrey
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 10:47 AM
To: Pickard, Gail; Lambert, Ellie; Wells, Neal; Stasila, Lauren; Kendall-Craden, Rena
Subject: Re. Ming Pao request re. COV 'permitting' Hong Kong protest

Hi,
This is just a quick follow up on what I learned as a result of the request from Ming Pao from Friday re. the Hong Kong protest that took place on Saturday at Broadway City Hall station.

Her question was regarding "the permit for the protest issued by the City of Vancouver" and, weren't we aware that there was potential for 'conflict' at the protest.

(It was a pretty lively gathering which necessitated the closure of Broadway and Cambie for a short while. It was peaceful however, thank goodness. <https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/vancouver-police-to-keep-an-eye-on-competing-rallies-between-hong-kong-and-china-supporters>)

The reporter equated the "political expression structure permit" that had been issued by Street Activities as a COV permit for the protest itself. A natural mistake. Street Activities finally confirmed this morning that the permit was for tables, booths etc., containing political info.

When I discussed with Geoff T. in Special Events he was unaware that permits of this kind were being issued and plans to follow up with Street Activities.

I just wanted you to be aware of this, as it likely won't be the last that this type of permit creates the perception that the City has in fact permitted the entire protest. Again, we don't permit protests – they are for the VPD to handle.



CITY OF VANCOUVER
POLITICAL EXPRESSION STRUCTURE PERMIT
THIS PERMIT MUST BE DISPLAYED TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES

Permit Number: 16/08/19

The permit holder may place and attend to a structure for political expression on City property in compliance with Street and Traffic By-law 2849, Section 71C(1) E.

Name:

Term: August 17, 2019 4pm to 8pm

Location: Outside the Broadway-City Hall Sky Train Station

Activity: Speaking about issues in Hong Kong

Alan Rockett

Authorized Signature

Per General Manager of Engineering Services 3-1-1 or 604-273-7000

Permit holder must co-operate immediately with any City of Vancouver official or member of the Vancouver Police Department. This permit is the property of the City of Vancouver and must be surrendered immediately on request of any City of Vancouver Official or member of the Vancouver Police Department. This permit is non-transferable and is invalid if sold, traded or loaned.

CONDITIONS:

1. You must ensure the free movement of pedestrians.
2. You must ensure that your group or audience does not block building entrance ways or display windows.
3. You must comply with all City of Vancouver By-laws and guidelines.
4. You must not in any way jeopardise the comfort or safety of others. Please respect the wishes of nearby residents and businesses.
5. No sales of any product are permitted.
6. Permit holder must be present during the activity.
7. No amplification or public address system is permitted during the political expression activity.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AND/OR CITY BY-LAWS MAY RESULT IN FINES, IMPOUNDMENT OF GOODS, SUSPENSION AND/OR CANCELLATION OF PERMIT.



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The permit holder may place and attend to a structure for political expression on City property in compliance with Street and Traffic By-law 2849, Section 71C/ E.

Name: Zi Ying Zhang

Term: August 17, 2019 4pm to 8pm

Location: Outside the Broadway-City Hall Sky Train Station

Activity: Speaking about issues in Hong Kong

Alan Rockett

Authorised Signature

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