

File No.: 04-1000-20-2020-478

October 13, 2020

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 1, 2020 for:

The following records regarding Council Motion B.6 "Transparency and Accountability at Little Mountain" approved on February 12, 2020:

- 1) All correspondence sent to the Mayor's office and the Councillor Correspondence mailbox related to this motion from February 12, 2020 to July 3, 2020.**
- 2) Contract referred to in point A. of the motion, if the disclosure of the contract was achieved.**
- 3) Letter sent by the Mayor / Council / the City that would have been the direct result of Council Motion B.6 "Transparency and Accountability at Little Mountain".**

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, for Part 2 of your request Arts, Culture and Community Services confirms there are no records.

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 (#04-1000-20-2020-478); 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,

[Signature on file]

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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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MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART

March 13, 2020

The Honourable Selina Robinson, M.L.A.
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Robinson,

RE: Non-Market Housing at Little Mountain

I am writing on behalf of Vancouver City Council to thank the Province of British Columbia for the funding that B.C. Housing has committed to making the housing located at the Little Mountain site as affordable as possible.

The immediate funding requirements and need for non-market housing in Vancouver are substantial, and City Council is grateful for the 282 units of social housing planned for Little Mountain, including the replacement of the 224 public housing units, the 48 new social housing units that will be owned by the City of Vancouver, and the 10 units that will be owned by the Musqueam Indian Band. Building these new homes will help ease some of the tremendous pressure low-income earners are faced with when trying to find safe and secure housing in Vancouver.

Vancouver City Council appreciates the provincial government's support for building more non-market housing in Vancouver. Both City Council and staff are committed to working with B.C. Housing and Holborn Developments to increase non-market housing at the Little Mountain site.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E Kennedy Stewart".

Kennedy Stewart
Mayor, City of Vancouver



Appendix

Motion - Transparency and Accountability at Little Mountain:

On February 12, 2020, the following motion was approved by Vancouver City Council:

- B. THAT Council request the Mayor to write a letter on behalf of Vancouver City Council to Minister Selina Robinson, the Minister of Housing for the Province of British Columbia, to thank the provincial government for the funding B.C. Housing has allocated and committed to making the housing on the Little Mountain site as affordable as possible, and for the 282 units of social housing planned for the site, including the replacement of the 224 public housing units, the 48 new social housing units that will be owned by the City of Vancouver and the 10 units that will be owned by the Musqueam Nation;

FURTHER THAT this letter will also express the City of Vancouver's ongoing commitment to work with B.C. Housing and the landowner to increase affordable housing in the city of Vancouver.



MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART

March 10, 2020

Email: rpscvisions@gmail.com

Dear Members of the Riley Park—South Cambie Community Vision Committee:

Re: Transparency and Accountability at Little Mountain

I am writing this letter on behalf of Vancouver City Council to affirm our support for the Freedom of Information application submitted by your citizens' advisory group to have the Little Mountain Housing site contract between BC Housing and Holborn Developments made public. City Council shares your belief that disclosing the documents is in the public interest.

On February 12, City Council passed a motion stating that the disclosure of the contract between BC Housing and Holborn Developments would make available relevant information that serves the public interest related to demonstrating sound financial management by government agencies and transparency in financial dealings. Additionally, City Council believes the information in the contract will be instructive to the City of Vancouver in the consideration of future land sales and housing developments.

All levels of government are mandated to conduct their operations as transparently as possible so that members of the public can evaluate performance and hold their elected representatives accountable. The withholding of information, such as the contract and agreement for the sale of the Little Mountain Housing site, makes it difficult to evaluate if the terms of the deal were in the public interest, which in turn erodes public trust in government institutions.

For the reasons outlined in this letter, City Council supports the members of the Riley Park—South Cambie Community Vision Committee in their ongoing pursuit to have the contract and agreement for the sale of the Little Mountain Housing site made public.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E Kennedy Stewart".

Kennedy Stewart
Mayor, City of Vancouver



Appendix

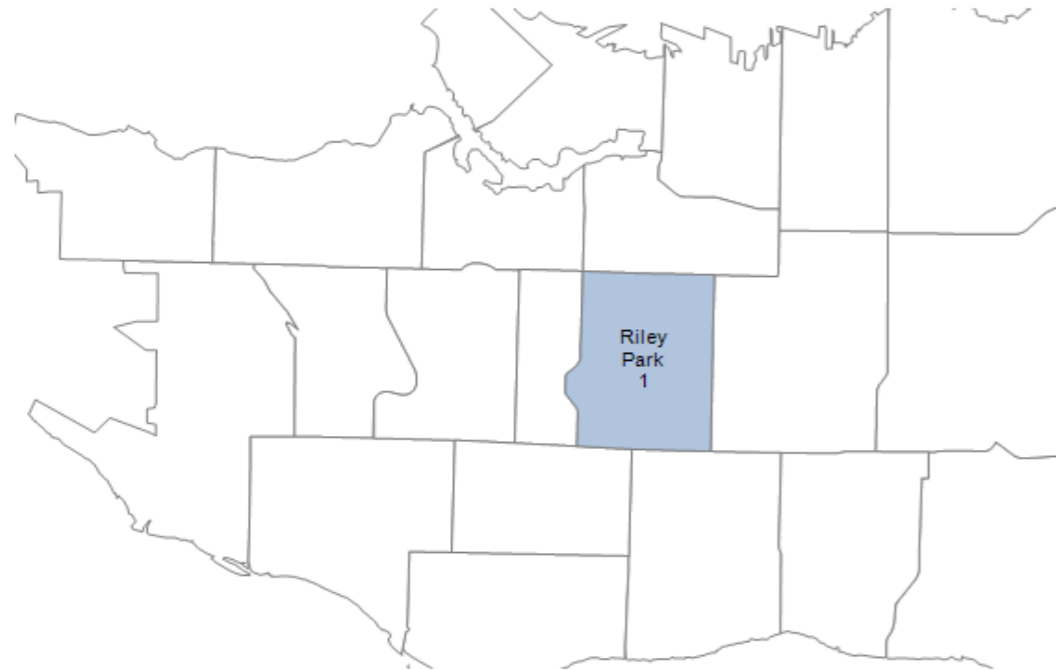
Motion - Transparency and Accountability at Little Mountain:

On February 12, 2020, the following motion was approved by Vancouver City Council:

- A. THAT in the interest of full transparency and providing information instructive to the City of Vancouver in future developments, Council express its support for the Freedom of Information application, and direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Riley Park South Cambie Visions Committee indicating support for full disclosure of the contract.

MC12 – Mayor and Council Feedback Case Details Report

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***Note:** Keyword Search applies to Concern and Case Details. Case insensitive. Use % to separate keywords, e.g. license%permit)

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MC12 – Mayor and Council Feedback Case Details Report

<p>Housing and Homelessness (1 Case)</p>	<p>Social Housing (1 Case)</p>	<p>Nbrhood: Riley Park Concern: Transparency and Accountability at Little Mountain Council Item: Not Applicable Status: Closed Author Type: Individual Created: 02/12/2020 Correspondence Type: Original Feedback Name: s.22(1) Ph #: Email: s.22(1) Case ID: 101013775650</p>	<p>RE Motion 3 - Transparency and Accountability at Little Mountain</p> <p>I am unable to attend the Feb. 12 Council session and speak to the Councilor Boyle's motion. I would like, however, to endorse the motion wholeheartedly.</p> <p>After more than a decade of delays and silence on the part of Holborn International, it is in both the general public's and the City's interest that we be given full access to the sales agreement between BC Housing and the purchaser.</p> <p>In addition, I would like to draw your attention to the original Little Mountain agreement of 1950. I obtained a copy of the original 1950 agreement (Archive Ref. 093- F-07 fld 10, CoVS300) between the Province, Central Mortgage and Housing and the City of Vancouver. The original agreement with only minor subsequent changes became the framework for the tripartite cooperation that created the social housing in 1954. It also laid out the terms and conditions of each party's participation and the obligations that each would carry out.</p> <p>I urge Mayor and Council members to review that document carefully and consider these questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Province interpret the original agreement correctly in 2007 when it claimed sole ownership of the land to the exclusion of the city when CHMC relinquished its part in the agreement? (see preamble, covenants 1 and 2) 2. Did the City actually relinquish a voice in the future of the Little Mountain land when the buildings were demolished in 2009? (see covenant 12) 3. Does the City still have a voice in the enforcement of the agreement as laid out in covenant 12 of the agreement? <p>I urge you to consult the City's legal office to determine if the sale of the land and subsequent decision to construct for-profit housing on the land constitutes a misinterpretation of the original agreement on the part of the Province and the developer.</p> <p>Sincerely yours, s.22(1)</p>	<p>Agent Finished: Case Closed. Closed date : 2020-02-21 11:01:27.727 Service Provided Hello s.22(1)</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to share your support with Council regarding the proposal for full transparency and accountability at the Little Mountain site.</p> <p>At the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on February 12, 2020, Vancouver City Council approved the motion after hearing from five speakers. You may review the video clips and minutes from the meeting on the City's website.</p> <p>For more information about Council meetings and to sign up for agenda updates, you may also visit the website here.</p> <p>Thank you again for your feedback; your comments have been received by the Mayor and Councillors.</p> <p>Sincerely, Office of Vancouver City Council</p>	<p>No web attachments.</p>
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