

File No.: 04-1000-20-2020-407

September 2, 2021

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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 July 30, 2021 for:

Records related to the current (July 30, 2021) night-time closure of Stanley Park due to fire risk (such as consultant reports or reports from the Fire Service) and approval.

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

Please note, the decision to close Stanley Park overnight was made by the Park Board Operations team in response to the Extreme Fire Hazard rating that developed after the late-June heat dome event. Going into July, the warm weather continued and the park's fire hazard rating went to "Extreme". Noting the increased number of fires reported almost daily in the park, and the risk this could represent, it was decided to implement the overnight closure of the park, with limited exceptions for some park facility staff, first responders, and those who must carry out essential operations in the park. The closure decision was reached with support of Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and Park Rangers who are tasked with performing daily fire watch duty in the park.

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 (#04-1000-20-2020-407); 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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