

File No.: 04-1000-20-2021-526

November 18, 2021

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 dated October 12, 2021 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (the Act)***, for:

**Record of email from Karen Levitt sent to Mayor and Council on January 27, 2021 regarding False Creek South (as referred to in an email sent to Mayor and Council on February 1, 2021). Link to email:  
<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/02-01-2021-upcoming-ib-false-creek-south-lands-engagement.pdf>**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.12(3)(b), s.13(1), and s.15(1)(l) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00).

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](mailto: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 (#04-1000-20-2021-526); 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](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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**CC:** "City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL" s.15(1)(l)  
**Date:** 1/27/2021 2:21:45 PM  
**Subject:** False Creek South Lands: Opportunities for the Future Public Engagement

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Dear Mayor and Council,

In my 2020-11-04 email to you concerning the Future of False Creek South Project, I indicated that we'd be initiating a city-wide landowner's public engagement process on the near horizon.

My email today is to let you know that next week, the City will be initiating a month-long public engagement period, with the objective of seeking public input about how the 80 acres of City-owned lands in False Creek South could potentially be used to help address the housing crisis and contribute to achieving other priorities such as accelerating action on climate change, increasing focus on equity and critical social issues and protecting and building the local economy.

To this end, a city-wide representative survey has almost been completed, and the upcoming engagement through the month of February will include a Talk Vancouver survey, online information/Q&A sessions, and stakeholder meetings.

As a result of this engagement process, you may be approached with questions and/or feedback from members of the public. s.12(3)(b), s.13(1)

and we're providing some key speaking points for you below, comprised of information that can be shared publicly. Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

Karen

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## **False Creek South Lands: Opportunities for the Future Public Engagement, Q&A/Key Speaking Notes**

### **1. What is this engagement about?**

- The City of Vancouver is seeking public input about how 80 acres of City-owned lands in False Creek South could be potentially be used to help address the housing crisis and contribute to achieving other priorities such as accelerating action on climate change, increasing focus on equity and critical social issues and protecting and building the local economy.*

- *The purpose of this engagement is to explore the future of these lands, for the next 50 years and beyond, while striving to balance the interests of current neighbourhood residents with those of Vancouver residents who own this land.*

**2. How does this engagement fit with the current/ongoing planning process for False Creek South?**

- *This work is being undertaken from the City's landowner perspective, and is connected but independent from the City's False Creek South neighbourhood planning program, which is on hold. Further information about that program is available on the City's website.*
- *We will use the feedback we receive to help inform long-term decisions about the City-owned lands in False Creek South. In the short-term we will also be compiling what we hear into an engagement summary report which will be posted on the City's website.*
- *Public input from this engagement will also inform the City's broader Vancouver Plan.*

**3. What is meant by City-owned land?**

- *The City of Vancouver manages hundreds of acres of land throughout the City on behalf of Vancouver residents, including in False Creek South. These lands are essentially owned by the citizens of Vancouver and managed for the public's benefit, for example to provide housing, economic opportunities, park space and amenities.*

**4. What does this engagement mean for people who live in False Creek South now?**

- *There are approximately 2,000 units on leased City-owned lands in this neighbourhood. Most of the 60-year leases expire in the next 15-25 years. False Creek South tenants and leaseholders seek more clarity regarding their expiring leases on City-owned lands.*
- *One of the guiding principles for long-term planning is to maintain housing that is affordable for diverse groups of people, including options for current residents. The City has a responsibility to manage these lands on behalf of all citizens, while respecting and engaging the residents who live there.*
- *The Provisional Resident Protection and Retention Plan (RPRP), approved by Council in 2018, seeks to support current residents through any changes to City-owned lands, such as by minimizing displacement, providing alternate housing options, and providing advance notice and transparency.*

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