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Hello Mayor and Council,

I am writing with an update on the most recent amendments to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, (the Act or FIPPA). As you are aware, FIPPA governs how public bodies in British Columbia collect, use, store and disclose personal information.

On November 25, 2021 amendments passed by the Legislature to the Act received Royal Assent. The legislation amendments address several areas including enabling public bodies to charge an application fee of \$10 for non-personal FOI requests.

Subject to other direction from Council, I can confirm that we are not contemplating the implementation of a \$10 fee to make an FOI request for non-personal records as permitted by the legislation.

While some municipalities are implementing such a fee, the extra resources required to process a \$10 fee for every applicable FOI request offsets the cost recovery and would be an administrative burden to apply in terms of the time required for processing. In addition the fee raises significant equity concerns as it may present a barrier to low-income applicants seeking to exercise rights under FIPPA.

Please contact Cobi Falconer, Director, Access to Information and Privacy at cobi.falconer@vancouver.ca with questions related to this matter.

Many thanks,
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