

File No.: 04-1000-20-2022-216

May 24, 2022

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 April 27, 2022 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (the Act)*, for:

Records related to the response of Vancouver Fire Rescue Services to a fire at the Winters Hotel (102 Water Street) on April 8, 2022, including records regarding the firewatch order placed on the building.

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: https://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Please note the Fire Report is routinely available on a fee for service basis from Vancouver Fire Rescue Services (VFRS). To access these records please contact VFRS at frcsi@vancouver.ca.

Please see the following link which also provides more information on obtaining file fire research letters: <https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/fire-and-rescue-services-file-research-letter.aspx>

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 (#04-1000-20-2022-216); 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,

[Signed by Cobi Falconer]

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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. (Response Package)

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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES
NOTICE OF VIOLATION
General

Firehall Office Use only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Routine Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> Incident
<input type="checkbox"/> Entered into FDM:	Date: _____

Date: 8 Apr 2022 Time: 20 20
 Address of Violation: 203 Abbott St Business/Name: _____
 Business Owner: _____ Phone #: 236 889-1286 Fax #: _____
 Person Notice Given To: DANIEL GONCALVES Title: FRONT DESK Phone#: _____
 Receipt of Notice: Daniel Goncalves (signature)

ITEM	CODE	Vancouver Fire By-Law Violations - FOR IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE
	6.1.1.5.(2) DIV B	<input type="checkbox"/> Have Portable Fire Extinguishers serviced by ASTTBC qualified technician, and service tag securely affixed to serviced equipment.
	6.1.1.5.(1) DIV B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have FIRE ALARM SYSTEM serviced by ASTTBC qualified technician, and service tag securely affixed to serviced equipment.
	6.1.1.5.(1) DIV B	<input type="checkbox"/> Have EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEMS serviced by ASTTBC qualified technician, and service tag securely affixed to serviced equipment.
	6.1.1.5.(1) DIV B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have SPRINKLER SYSTEM serviced by ASTTBC qualified technician, and service tag securely affixed to serviced equipment.
	2.7.1.6.(1) DIV B	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure all means of egress and access to exits are clear and free of any obstructions at all times.
	2.1.5.1.(2) DIV B	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide 5lbs "ABC" Class Portable Fire Extinguisher.
	6.1.1.4.(1) DIV B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide 24 Hour Fire Watch until such time that fire alarm system is reset and fully functional.
		- Have unit # <u>s.22(1)</u> SMOKE DETECTORS RETURNED TO PROPER WORKING ORDER
		- HAVE UNIT # <u>s.22(1)</u> SMOKE DETECTOR REPLACED
		CALL HALL 2 WHEN COMPLETE 604-665-6002

This Notice of Violation makes you legally responsible for any consequences arising from this matter. A re-inspection service charge of \$200.00 (or as per the current Vancouver Fire By-law fee schedule) for each hour or part thereof (plus G.S.T.) will be assessed for each re-inspection, until the violations noted have been corrected. Failure to comply with the above instructions may result in legal action against the Owner/Occupier.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please have this translated ज़रूरी तज़करी बिनाफ़ ख़रबे बिने बेले रिम एर सुनिश्च करवणे A fire inspection of the above premise: disclosed violations which may constitute a hazard to life or property in the event of fire and must be corrected.	RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRONG Xin nhờ người dịch hộ	重要資料 請找人為你翻譯 INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca
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Hall #: 2 Shift: B

FOR RE-INSPECTION APPOINTMENT DIAL 311

VFRS FIRE COMPANY INSPECTIONS

ANNUAL CHECK AND TAG MUST BE DONE IN THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE INSPECTION

ASTTBC is the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of British Columbia. All service technicians must be certified by ASTTBC.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS:

1. Must be checked and tagged annually by an ASTTBC approved Technician
2. Must be tested and recorded monthly, including proper panel enunciator light on, all bells working and audible throughout the building. This can be done by the Mgr.
3. The enunciator panel must be unobstructed and in good repair, with the AC power light on and no trouble signals indicated.
4. All devices, including pull stations, and smoke or heat detectors, must be secure, unobstructed and unpainted.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

1. Are required to be in every building or occupancy we inspect, with a minimum of one (1) per floor.
2. Maximum travel distance to a fire extinguisher in ordinary occupancies is 75 feet, except inside residential suites.
3. The type of extinguisher must be appropriate to the area covered.
4. Must be ULC approved, minimum "2A" rating, securely mounted on the wall, with the top of the extinguisher maximum five (5) feet from the floor.
5. They must be visible and easily accessed, preferably near an exit.

EXIT SIGNS, EXIT LIGHTS AND EMERGENCY LIGHTS:

1. Exit signs must be illuminated at all times the building is occupied.
2. Signs must be clearly visible with no obstructions
3. Emergency lights must have no physical damage and be aimed to cover the appropriate area.
4. Emergency light units must be inspected and tagged annually by an ASTTBC approved technician.
5. Generators must have monthly test records on site and be tagged by an ASTTBC approved technician.

EXIT DOORS:

1. Must function as designed, have clear aisles and visibility, free of any obstructions. This also includes vegetation and snow and ice build up outside the doors. Should also have a white light outside the exit.
2. Require approved self closing devices and feely self close and latch, including stairwell doors.
3. Are able to be readily opened without key or special knowledge of the door opening device.
4. Must have a clearly visible exit light above door.
5. Require "Fire Door Keep Closed" signs, visible when the door is open, unless the approved hold open sentence applies.
6. May be held open....by electromagnetic devices approved by the City of Vancouver, when connected to the Fire Alarm system.
7. No wedges, blocks or other devices to hold the doors open are permitted.
.....with panic hardware, they must also
8. NOT have any overriding locking/security devices in place while the business is open to the public.

CORRIDORS, EXIT STAIRS AND PASSAGEWAYS:

1. Must be maintained in good repair and kept clear of all storage or obstructions.
2. Exterior passageways must also be kept free of snow or ice build up.
3. Stair treads and handrails must be solid, not slippery or rotted, and maintained in good condition.
4. Adequate artificial lighting for good visibility must be provided at all times, including during daylight hours.
5. No timer controlled lights.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS:

1. Fire Department connections, (Siamese), must be clearly visible, with directional signs if required.
2. F.D. connections must have unobstructed clear access, labels/signs indicating area covered and protective caps in place.
3. The main shutoff valve is to be in the open position with access to it locked against tampering.
4. Sprinkler valves must have clear labelling indicating their function and building coverage area.
5. A sprinkler wrench and a minimum of 6 spare heads for small systems must be on site with main shutoff valves.
6. All sprinkler heads must be kept free of any paint or coating they may be exposed to.
7. Check the log book of sprinkler system activities.
8. Sprinkler systems are required to be checked and tagged annually by an ASTTBC approved technician.

STANDPIPE AND HOSE SYSTEMS:

1. Fire Department connections, (Siamese), must be clearly visible, with directional signs if required.
2. F.D. connections must have unobstructed clear access, signs indicated area covered and protective caps in place.
3. The main shutoff valve is to be in the open position with access to it locked against tampering.
4. Fire hose cabinet valves are to be checked and tagged annually by and ASTTBC approved technician.
5. Fire hose in cabinets to be re-racked annually.

GENERAL:

1. Building addresses must be easily readable from the street, even at night.
2. **NO propane fuelled vehicles** in underground parking.
3. No general storage in underground parking, electrical rooms, or furnace rooms.
4. Assembly occupancies, e.g., restaurants or meeting rooms/halls holding over 60 people, require Occupant Load Certificates from VFRS, which *must be mounted visibly*, near the main entrance.....e.g. each room or hall area involved.

Review the Fire Safety Plan/Operations Manual; test the building keys from lock box.