

File No.: 04-1000-20-2022-587

November 23, 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 November 10, 2022 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Record of the annual number of trees cut down within the City of Vancouver, broken down by year, including:

- 1. Total number of public trees cut down, including street and park trees;**
- 2. Total number of trees cut down on private property; and**
- 3. Total number of trees cut down on single-family lots.**

Date range: January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2022.

Under s.6(2)(b) the City is unable to fulfill your request for records. Regarding point one, the Park Board has advised that they cannot provide an accurate account since historically, they have not had a park tree inventory, and park tree removals were not recorded in their inventory system. Regarding points two and three, the Landscape branch of the Planning department has informed us that their system is not set up to provide this information – it would take a full time staff member 6 months to collect the information manually from issued permits, which the City is unable to accomplish.

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 (#04-1000-20-2022-587); 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.

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