

File No.: 04-1000-20-2023-461

August 23, 2023

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 July 23, 2023 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Records regarding the planned erection of a monument honouring the victims of Holodomor that is to be erected in "the centre of Vancouver" (most recent meeting taking place on June 26, 2023). Date range: December 1, 2002 to July 27, 2023.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.15(1)(l) and s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here: 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 or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2023-461); 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. Alternatively, you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604-871-6584.

Encl. (Response package)

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CC: ["Singh, Sandra" <Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca)
Date: 12/20/2019 9:16:18 AM
Subject: RE: Council Correspondence - 101013533223 (Holodomor Monument)

Hi Eric,

Thank you so much for responding back to the citizen, I've now closed this case from my end.

Best regards,

Rachel Chan

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From: Fredericksen, Eric
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 7:49 PM
To: s.22(1)
Cc: Council Correspondence; Singh, Sandra
Subject: Council Correspondence - 101013533223 (Holodomor Monument)

Dear s.22(1),

I'm writing you as the head of public art for the City of Vancouver, in response to your request to speak to Vancouver City Council on the Holodomor Monument project. I would like to speak with you further early in the New Year about the project, if you would like to schedule a call or meeting.

In the meantime, I can share with you as background the current policy at the City <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/culture-public-art-policy-gifts-of-art-2016.pdf> and that of the Vancouver Park Board, which is a separate governing body here and has paused consideration of new memorials while working toward a new Commemoration Policy. https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/Review_Guidelines_for_the_Donation_of_Public_Art_or_Memorials.pdf

Best regards,
Eric

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From: "[MacLean, Laurie](mailto:Laurie.Maclean@vancouver.ca)" <Laurie.Maclean@vancouver.ca>
To: "[Fredericksen, Eric](mailto:Eric.Fredericksen@vancouver.ca)" <Eric.Fredericksen@vancouver.ca>
CC: "[Brown, Metha](mailto:Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca)" <Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca>
Date: 11/29/2021 11:08:12 AM
Subject: RE: commemorative policy

Eric,
That's great to know. Thanks for the information.
Laurie

Laurie MacLean
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From: Fredericksen, Eric <Eric.Fredericksen@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2021 4:13 PM
To: MacLean, Laurie <Laurie.Maclean@vancouver.ca>
Cc: Brown, Metha <Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: commemorative policy

Hi Laurie,

We're not bringing new commemorative projects to Public Art Committee while the new policy is in development. We plan to bring early directions to Council in June 2022, and finalize policy on memorials by Q3 2023. We are happy to support any public engagement in the meantime.

Best,
Eric

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From: MacLean, Laurie <Laurie.Maclean@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2021 11:17 AM
To: Fredericksen, Eric <Eric.Fredericksen@vancouver.ca>
Subject: commemorative policy

Hi Eric,

I work in the Mayor's Office and we recently had a meeting with a delegation from the Ukrainian community. One of their requests was for help with placing a statue commemorating Holodomor, a famine in the Ukraine.

I understand that there is a moratorium on commemorative statues at the city. I am drafting a reply to that request and would appreciate any information you can supply on status of the policy at the moment.

I did let them know during the meeting that there is a moratorium that would apply to this work, but they have followed up.

Happy to discuss by phone as well.

Thanks,

Laurie

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"[MacLean, Laurie](mailto:Laurie.Maclean@vancouver.ca)" <Laurie.Maclean@vancouver.ca>
Date: 8/17/2023 4:08:34 PM
Subject: RE: [External] Memorial Statue

Thank you Lesley for responding so quickly. I will pass on your message to Christina so she is aware that the City is looking into this.

Cheers,
Chrysalyn

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From: Matthews, Lesley [mailto:lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca]
Sent: October 18, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Chrysalyn Tolentino <Chrysalyn.Tolentino@vpl.ca>
Cc: Fredericksen, Eric <Eric.Fredericksen@vancouver.ca>; MacLean, Laurie <Laurie.Maclean@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: [External] Memorial Statue

Thank you for passing this along, Chrysalyn.

I am aware of the Honorary Consul of Ukraine's desire to have the City officially recognize the Holodomor. We are trying to schedule a meeting for Mr. Huculak to meet with the Mayor to discuss some options for a recognition. I wasn't aware that he was reaching out to other organizations about installing a commemorative statue as well.

I am copying Laurie in the Mayor's Office and Eric Fredericksen in Public Art so that they are both aware of the request and to be alerted that it may come to the City.

Lesley

From: Chrysalyn Tolentino <Chrysalyn.Tolentino@vpl.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Matthews, Lesley <lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca>
Subject: FW: [External] Memorial Statue

Good morning Lesley!

The Library has received a request from the Ukraine Consulate regarding erecting a bronze statue to commemorate the Ukrainian genocide called Holodomor. It is not a good fit for the library as our priority is Indigenous art right now, and we are wondering if we could refer this request to the City.

Kindly advice.

Thanks!

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From: huculak@smarrt.email [<mailto:huculak@smarrt.email>]
Sent: October 16, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Goretti McLean
Subject: [External] Memorial Statue

Ms. McLean

Further to our recent telephone conversation, I am writing to set up a meeting with the person in charge of the Vancouver Public Library regarding the possibility of erecting a statue, against the wall of Library Square, of a young girl in memory of some 6,000,000 people who dies in Ukraine by a forced starvation by Stalin during 1932 and 1933.

This genocide is called "Holodomor".

This statue is erected in a prominent place in Kyiv, Ukraine, and in many world centers as well as in Toronto and other Canadian cities.

I am attaching 2 pictures of the statue, one is located in Kyiv and the other in Toronto.

We have the same bronze statue in Vancouver that is presently in storage looking for a home.

The meeting would be attended by myself and the Presidents of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, BC branch and the Vancouver branch.

I hope to hear from you soon in this regard,

Mir Huculak, Honorary Consul of Ukraine for B.C.