

File No.: 04-1000-20-2023-499

September 11, 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 August 7, 2023 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

Record of Mayor Ken Sim's correspondence to and from any and all union representatives. Date range: November 7, 2022 to August 7, 2023.

All responsive records are attached.

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 (#04-1000-20-2023-499); 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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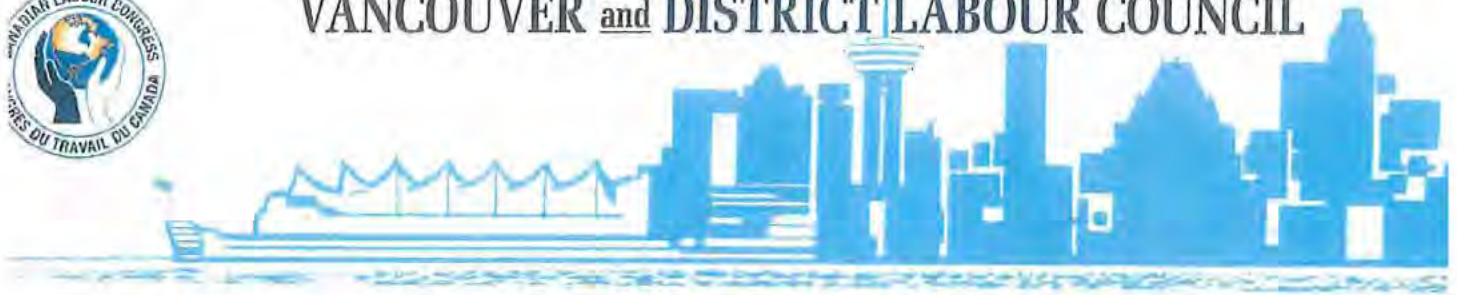
If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604-871-6584.

Encl. (Response Package)

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VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL



February 7, 2023

Mayor Ken Sim
VIA EMAIL – ken.sim@vancouver.ca

Greetings Mayor Sim,

I'm writing in follow-up to my December 1st letter regarding our hopes to arrange quarterly meetings with you. These meetings, which were hosted during many previous administrations, would traditionally include yourself, appropriate members of your staff, myself, and representatives of the various municipal workers' union locals.

As noted in my earlier letter, these meetings would be separate and apart from those in existing labour-management relations processes. The intent would be information sharing and relationship building. They would also serve as an opportunity for the locals to provide information about high-level issues or concerns, as well as for us to hear from you about the priorities of your office and of council.

I would be happy to discuss this further with you at your convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

Stephen von Sychowski
President, Vancouver & District Labour Council

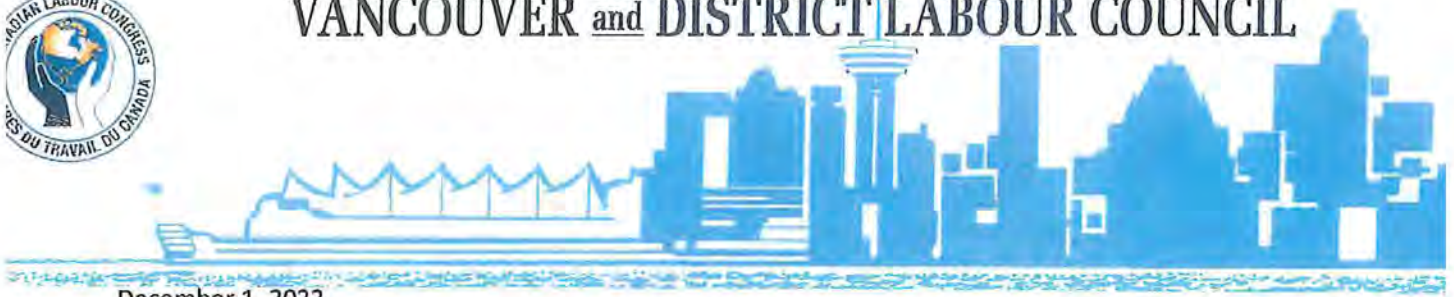
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cc: VDLC Executive Board
VDLC Political Action Committee





VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL



December 1, 2022

Mayor Ken Sim
VIA EMAIL – ken.sim@vancouver.ca

Greetings Mayor Sim,

Thank you for your December 1st response to my previous letter. I know this must be a very busy time for the new council.

As noted in my earlier letter, our labour council represents workers in all areas of Vancouver's economy, including those directly employed by the city. We are therefore keenly interested in municipal affairs and policy, and in ensuring strong lines of communication with elected representatives.

Presently, many of our members are concerned about the effects that budgetary pressures may have on important public programs and services, and the accompanying family-supporting jobs. We would urge council to explore all options to avoid harmful cuts. A program of austerity would be especially harmful under the current conditions of an ongoing pandemic, opioid poisoning emergency, housing crisis, and the potential of an oncoming recession. We believe that supporting strong programs and services will help to build and maintain resiliency in communities and bolster efforts to promote public safety, among other objectives.

I would be very interested in meeting with you to discuss this, and other issues, at a suitable time. Over the course of several successive council terms, our labour council has met on a quarterly basis with the mayor, and leaders of municipal workers' unions to discuss items of mutual interest. This has helped to ensure that the mayor was aware of the concerns and priorities of the unions, and similarly allowed for those leaders to hear from the mayor about upcoming initiatives.

Of course, these meetings were separate and apart, as appropriate, from existing labour relations and bargaining processes. Nonetheless, they were useful information sharing and relationship building opportunities. We would be very interested in continuing this type of meeting with yourself if you would be prepared to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

Stephen von Sychowski
President, Vancouver & District Labour Council

cc: VDLC Executive Board

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VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

November 10, 2022

Mayor Ken Sim
VIA EMAIL – ken.sim@vancouver.ca

Greetings Mayor Sim,

On behalf of the Vancouver & District Labour Council, and our approximately 80 affiliated union locals and 60,000 members I would like to congratulate you on your election as Mayor of Vancouver.

Our labour council was established in 1889 and has a long history of engagement in the municipal political process, and of advocacy for the interests of working people. Our affiliates include all unions representing municipal workers, such as Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 15, 1004, and 391, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 18, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 213. Other affiliated unions represent workers employed across the city and its economy, from education to public services and non-profits, healthcare, grocery and retail, construction and trades, hospitality and tourism, transportation, and much more.

I appreciated your words at the November 7th inauguration ceremony, where you spoke about finding common ground across party lines and political perspectives in order to tackle the challenges ahead of us. We stand ready to work with you and the new council to find that common ground and address the concerns of workers in Vancouver.

As you can no doubt imagine, these concerns include protecting good jobs and strong public services, addressing affordability, homelessness, and access to suitable housing for all, the opioid crisis, and more. We also hope to see the new council continue the past work toward Reconciliation and climate justice, and to work to build an inclusive and resilient city.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss these, and other issues, and seek that common ground and those opportunities for collaborative work. All the best to you, and to council, as you embark on this term of office.

Yours truly,

Stephen von Sychowski
President, Vancouver & District Labour Council

cc: VDLC Executive Board

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