

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-036

March 1, 2024

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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 January 22, 2024 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

Record of updated spreadsheets for the year 2023, using the base level data used to generate the below listed charts in the 2022 Housing Progress Update Report (RTS: no 15579 <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/housing-vancouver-update-2022.pdf>), specifically the following information for the corresponding charts:

1. "Record housing approvals over the last 10 years":
  - a. Total number of units approved – defined as project approvals at public hearing for developments requiring a rezoning, or development permits issued for projects that do not require a rezoning;
  - b. Subunits that make up this total number of units, including:
    - i. Social and supportive housing;
    - ii. Purpose built rental housing;
    - iii. Condo;
    - iv. Laneways;
    - v. Coach house; and
    - vi. Townhouses;
2. "Purpose-Built Market Rental: Record year in approvals – highest in recent decades":
  - a. Total number of purpose-built approvals;
  - b. Subunits that make up this total number, including:
    - i. Number of market units;
    - ii. Number of below-market units; and
3. "Successfully making the shift towards secured rental since 2017: 2022 had the highest share of rental housing in the last decade":
  - a. Total number of approved units;
  - b. Total number of ownership units; and
  - c. Total number of primary rental units.

Date range: As far back as recorded (e.g. 1990) to 2023.

All responsive records are attached. Please note, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability staff noted the 2023 data is not yet available as they are currently preparing the 2023 Annual Progress Report. The report is scheduled to go to Council via memo in April 2024. When the information is ready it will be posted at the following location: <https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/housing-vancouver-strategy.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](mailto: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 (#04-1000-20-2024-036); 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,

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If you have any questions, please email us at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto: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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**Chart 1. Record housing approvals over the last 10 years**

Housing Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Social & Supportive Hsg.	903	244	575	429	337	102	518	1,702	1,740	656	1,352	1,148	1,332
Purpose-Built Rental Hsg.	106	589	1,031	965	852	1,166	1,860	822	1,031	1,239	2,473	2,956	4,260
Condo	3,034	3,909	2,928	4,969	4,875	3,253	4,119	3,827	4,511	1,930	3,451	3,779	4,406
Laneways	191	227	350	345	373	531	500	591	709	456	384	299	435
Townhouses	166	217	133	65	88	161	236	189	86	909	290	439	359
Coach House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	18	38	18	17	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>5,186</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>6,773</b>	<b>6,525</b>	<b>5,213</b>	<b>7,233</b>	<b>7,142</b>	<b>8,095</b>	<b>5,228</b>	<b>7,968</b>	<b>8,638</b>	<b>10,825</b>

**Chart 2. Purpose-Built Market Rental: Record year in approvals – highest in recent decades**

Tenure	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Purpose-Built Rental - Market	106	589	1,031	965	852	1,166	1,860	822	1,018	1,178	2,123	2,780	3,817
Purpose-Built Rental - Privately-owned Below-Market Rental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	61	350	176	644
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>2,956</b>	<b>4,461</b>

**Chart 3. Successfully making the shift towards secured rental since 2017: 2022 had the highest share of rental housing in the last decade**

Tenure	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ownership (including Condo, Townhouse, Coach House)*	3,200	4,126	3,061	5,034	4,963	3,414	4,355	4,027	4,615	2,877	3,759	4,235	4,798
Primary Rental (including Social, Supportive, PB-Rental+ Laneways)	1,200	1,060	1,956	1,739	1,562	1,799	2,878	3,115	3,480	2,351	4,209	4,403	6,027
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>5,186</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>6,773</b>	<b>6,525</b>	<b>5,213</b>	<b>7,233</b>	<b>7,142</b>	<b>8,095</b>	<b>5,228</b>	<b>7,968</b>	<b>8,638</b>	<b>10,825</b>

\*Includes secondary rental (e.g. rented condos)