

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-373

July 31, 2024

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 June 20, 2024 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

1. **Record of all notices sent by the City to property owners regarding graffiti removal in the Downtown Eastside, from June 10 to 17, 2024; and**
2. **Record of how many times the City has reported graffiti to the VPD in the Downtown Eastside, from June 1 to 19, 2024.**

All responsive records are attached for part one of your request.

Regarding part two of your request, the Property Use Inspection department confirmed that there were no records responsive to your request.

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@oipbc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (2024-373); 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]

Cobi Falconer, MAS, MLIS, CIPP/C
Director, Access to Information & Privacy

If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. You may also contact 3-1-1 (604-873-7000) if you require accommodation or do not have access to email.

Encl. (Response Package)

:pm



June 11, 2024
CF-2024-004912

OWNERS STRATA PLAN LMS 3746
C/O KBM MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD
910 - 6081 NO 3 ROAD
RICHMOND BC V6Y 2B2

RE: 288 E GEORGIA STREET
(286 – 298 E GEORGIA STREET AND 721 – 735 GORE AVENUE)

An inspection of the above location on June 4, 2024, confirmed that graffiti has been placed on the building, as follows:

- East elevation (facing Gore Ave) on doors, windows, brick siding and concrete, multiple paint colours and sizes; and
- North elevation (facing E Georgia St) on metal shutter door, multiple paint colours and sizes.

Graffiti By-law No. 7343 (the By-law) requires owners and occupants to remove graffiti quickly and consistently, preventing graffiti from accumulating on the property. If the owner fails to remove the graffiti after receiving notice from the City, Section 7 of the By-law authorizes the City to hire a contractor and have the graffiti removed at the cost of the owner.

We have enclosed a leaflet regarding the City's Integrated Graffiti Management Program, which provides information on graffiti removal assistance. You are also advised to report the graffiti on your property to the Police non-emergency number at 604-717-3321.

You are requested to remove the graffiti from your building **within 14 days of the date of this letter**. A re-inspection of your property will be carried out shortly after this date to ensure that the above matter has been addressed.

If you are selling your property you should disclose the contents of this letter to the prospective purchaser and their representatives.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

We thank you in advance for your voluntary compliance.

Yours truly,

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Alvin Leung, Property Use Inspector
alvin.leung@vancouver.ca
(604) 871-6009
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REGISTERED AND REGULAR MAIL

June 11, 2024
CF-2024-005048

PEZER HOLDINGS INC
PO BOX 17573 PO THE RITZ
VANCOUVER BC V6E 0B2

Contact Person:

Alvin Leung
District Property Use Inspector
604-871-6009
alvin.leung@vancouver.ca

ORDER

RE: 516 ALEXANDER STREET

On June 10, 2024 a Property Use Inspector conducted an inspection and reported that your building at the above location has been defaced with graffiti including (**OBSCENE GRAFFITI – with the words “HAILIN SATAN AND MASTERBATIN” and picture of a topless female devil**) as follows, in contravention of Graffiti By-law No. 7343 (the By-law):

- East elevation (facing the neighboring property), on plywood, multiple paint colours and sizes; and
- South elevation (facing the rear lane) on stucco, multiple paint colours and sizes.

The City is seeking mandatory compliance to its By-law through the issuance of this Compliance Order. The Compliance Order is the last step prior to the City initiating clean-up action at the expense of the property owner.

The legal authority for this action is set out in the By-law and is also shown in the paragraphs below.

Section 6 Every owner or occupier of real property must remove from that real property any unsightly accumulation of graffiti within 10 days after the Director of Licenses and Inspections causes a notice to be served upon the owner or occupier requiring such removal.

Section 7 If an owner defaults in removing any unsightly accumulation of graffiti in compliance with section 6 and the notice referred to therein, the City, by its workers or others, may enter the real property and effect such removal at the cost of the defaulting owner.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 6 of the By-law, **you are ordered to** remove the graffiti from your building **within 10 days of the date of this order**, and subsequently maintain the building free of graffiti.

If you do not comply with this Order, the City will hire a contractor to carry out the work as authorized under Section 7 of the By-law, and invoice the cost of the work to the owner. If the costs incurred are not paid, the City will add such costs to the property tax roll for collection.

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For questions or concerns please contact Alvin Leung, District Property Use Inspector, at 604-871-6009 or via email at alvin.leung@vancouver.ca.

Yours truly,



Saul Schwebs, Architect AIBC
Chief Building Official

Copy: Posted on site

PEZER HOLDINGS INC
BOX 12173 NELSON SQUARE
1301-808 NELSON STREET
VANCOUVER BC V6Z 2H2



June 11, 2024
CF-2024-004923

PACIFIC LINK HOLDINGS LTD
150-12831 CLARKE PL
RICHMOND BC V6V 2H9

RE: 259 E GEORGIA STREET

An inspection of the above location on June 4, 2024, confirmed that graffiti has been placed on the building, as follows:

- South elevation at front (facing E Georgia St) on metal shutter door, white paint, total approx. 20' x 10'.

Graffiti By-law No. 7343 (the By-law) requires owners and occupants to remove graffiti quickly and consistently, preventing graffiti from accumulating on the property. If the owner fails to remove the graffiti after receiving notice from the City, Section 7 of the By-law authorizes the City to hire a contractor and have the graffiti removed at the cost of the owner.

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June 14, 2024
CF-2024-005155

VANCOUVER CHINATOWN HOUSING SOCIETY
1010-207 W HASTINGS ST
VANCOUVER BC V6B 1H7

RE: 102 MAIN STREET

An inspection of the above location on June 12, 2024, confirmed that graffiti has been placed on the building, as follows:

- West (front) elevation on metal door, wood panels and plastic covering, multiple paint colours of all shapes and sizes;
- South (side) elevation on concrete block, multiple paint colours of all shapes and sizes;
- North (side) elevation on metal door, wood panels, plastic covering and brick, multiple paint colours of all shapes and sizes; and
- East (rear) elevation on concrete, wood panels and metal flashings, multiple paint colours of all shapes and sizes.

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June 11, 2024
CF-2024-004924

OWNERS OF STRATA PLAN VAS1813
C/O TRIBE MANAGEMENT INC.
400-11950 80TH AVENUE
DELTA BC V4C 1Y2

RE: 211 E GEORGIA STREET

An inspection of the above location on June 4, 2024, confirmed that graffiti has been placed on the building, as follows:

- South elevation (facing E Georgia St) on brick, multiple paint colours and sizes;
- North elevation on stucco, multiple paint colours and sizes; and
- East elevation (facing the lane) on brick, concrete and metal door, multiple paint colours and sizes.

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June 13, 2024
CF-2024-005091

F P LEASING LTD
812 E CORDOVA ST
VANCOUVER BC V6A 1M4

RE: 812 E CORDOVA STREET (814 E CORDOVA STREET)

An inspection of the above location on June 11, 2024, confirmed that graffiti has been placed on the building, as follows:

- East elevation (facing the neighbouring property) on concrete block, multiple colours, paint, total approx. 100' x 10'.

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