

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-479

September 10, 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 July 26, 2024 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

**Record of VFRS records for the property located at 1988 Vernon Dr, Vancouver, BC, specifically:**

- 1. Any reports of fire\* and hazardous materials incidents;**
- 2. Any reports of spills or releases;**
- 3. Any violations issued to the facility; and**
- 4. Most recent fire safety inspections and outstanding fire code violations.**

**Date range: January 1, 1989 to July 26, 2024.**

All responsive records are attached. Please note, the database available to VFRS staff only shows incidents from 2009 to present day; records prior to 2009 would not be responsive based on the requested incident type.

\*Please also note that Fire Incident reports are routinely available for a fee from the Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services Department. Please submit your request online through the City's website at the following link: <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/request-a-fire-incident-report.aspx>.

Under Part 5 of the Act, 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 (2024-479); 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,

Kevin Tuerlings, FOI Case Manager, for

*[Signed by Kevin Tuerlings]*

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

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. You may also contact 3-1-1 (604-873-7000) if you require accommodation or do not have access to email.

Encl. (Response Package)

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# Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services

## Property - Inspection History Report

Property Address: **1988 VERNON DR**  
Building Name: **Yen Brothers Produce Warehouse**

FH District: **09**  
FPO District: **49**

Constr. Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: **Yen Brothers**  
Property class: **F3 Industrial Low Hazard/Risk**

Date of Report: **August 26, 2024**  
Last Inspection Date: **January 14, 2021**

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
<b>Mercantile - E</b>	<b>January 14, 2021</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Craig, Christian</b>

**Note: RIOK**

- RIOK
- Alarm NSD: 21/04/17
- Sprinkler NSD: 21/04/17
- Fire extinguisher NSD: 21/04/17
- Emerg lighting NSD: 21/04/17
- Egress: Satisfactory
- Housekeeping: Satisfactory

Yen brothers is a produce warehouse operation. Clean and organized no issues

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
<b>Company General</b>	<b>June 20, 2018</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Johnson, Dave</b>

**Note: RIOK**

RIOK, verbal on sprinkler system update which they already had sorted.

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
<b>Company General</b>	<b>February 27, 2017</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Chamberland, Joe</b>

**1 Fire Alarms. - 2210 Inspect Test and Tag fire alarm system** **Status** Satisfactory

Article 6.3.1.2.  
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Inspection and Testing

Sentence:

- 1) Fire alarm systems shall be inspected and tested in conformance with CANULC-S536-M, [Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems.]
- 2) Fire alarm and detection system components shall be accessible for purposes of inspection or maintenance.

**2 Fire Extinguishers. - 2660 Provide Maintenance tags** **Status** Satisfactory

Article 6.2.4.5.  
Tags

Sentence:

- 1) Each portable extinguisher shall have a tag securely attached to it showing the maintenance or recharge date, and the name and signature of the service agent.

**3 Sprinklers. - 3070 Inspect test and tag sprinkler system** **Status** Satisfactory



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### Sprinkler Inspection and Replacement

Sentence:

- 1) Sprinklers shall be inspected at intervals not greater than 12 months for damage, corrosion or accumulations of grease, paint or other deposits and shall be replaced where such conditions would impair the operation of the sprinkler. [See Appendix A]

Appendix:

A-6.5.4.12(1) Sprinklers.

Sprinklers in service frequently accumulate a deposit of dust, grease or other foreign material. Where these deposits are light, they often do not impair the proper operation of the sprinkler. Heavier deposits can often be removed by light clearing methods. Where deposits cannot readily be removed, and doubt exists with respect to the effects of the contamination, a sampling of the sprinklers should be removed and forwarded to a recognized testing laboratory for an assessment of their operational characteristics to determine the necessity of replacing other sprinklers in the system.

**Note: RIOK**

Business in the process of having alarm, sprinkler system, and fire extinguishers inspected and recertified.

Building in very good shape, neat and tidy.

We did find an issue with their fire escape plan to the roof top as there was no way for victims to escape other than by rescue from fire department.

Problem will be discussed with maintenance to maintain security and egress and find a better solution to get staff off of roof.

Once a solution to the problem has been found, a recheck will be performed by VQ09.

RIOK

Inspection Class <b>Company General</b>	Inspected Date <b>February 7, 2017</b>	Status <b>Unsatisfactory</b>	Assigned To <b>5</b>	Inspector <b>Armitage, Cam</b>
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**1 Fire Alarms. - 2210 Inspect Test and Tag fire alarm system** **Status** Unsatisfactory

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**Note: Notice of Violation**

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
Company General	August 4, 2016	Satisfactory	5	Davidson, David

**Note: RIOK**

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
Company General	October 30, 2015	Satisfactory	5	Dighton, Shawn

**Note: riok**

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
Company General	October 10, 2014	Satisfactory	B	Marsh, Rob

**Note: RIOK**

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
Company General	September 17, 2013	Satisfactory	A	Messenger, Daniel

**Note: RIOK**

Regular inspection was OK.

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
Company General	July 20, 2012	Satisfactory	D	Hastings, William

Inspection Class	Inspected Date	Status	Assigned To	Inspector
Company General	February 21, 2011	Satisfactory	C	Wold, Brent