

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-511

September 27, 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 August 8, 2024 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

Record of all legal bills issued by any and all law firm(s) to the City of Vancouver for work advising and representing the Fire Department on any labour relations matters, only denoting the total cost of legal spending for the following time frames:

1. **January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019;**
2. **January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020;**
3. **January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021;**
4. **January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022; and**
5. **January 1, 2023 to August 8, 2024.**

All responsive records are attached*.

*Please note that staff have advised that they are unable to provide reliable records for years prior to 2021 due to a number of factors, including staff turnover and a change in tracking systems.

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 or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (2024-511); 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)

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| Year | Total Cost |
|-----------|---------------|
| 2021 | \$ 119,375.92 |
| 2022 | \$ 262,586.23 |
| 2023-2024 | \$ 291,143.69 |