

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-532

October 4, 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 21, 2024 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

**Any and all emails within the Mayor's Office regarding the relocation of the Thomus Donaghy Overdose Prevention Site. Date range: March 1, 2024 to April 10, 2024.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.14(1) and s.15(1)(l) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00).

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 (2024-532); 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](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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**From:** "Mochrie, Paul" <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>  
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**CC:** "City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL" s.15(1)(l)  
"Connell, Francie" <francie.connell@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 4/26/2024 9:44:16 AM  
**Subject:** s.14

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Good morning Mayor and Council,

s.14



Best,  
Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

**From:** ["Singh, Sandra" <Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca)  
**To:** ["Direct to Mayor and Council - DL" s.15\(1\)\(l\)](#)  
**CC:** ["City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL" s.15\(1\)\(l\)](#)  
["Wittgens, Margaret" <Margaret.Wittgens@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Margaret.Wittgens@vancouver.ca)  
**Date:** 4/3/2024 2:04:44 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Information Bulletin: Thomus Donaghy Overdose Prevention Site Relocated

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Hello Mayor and Council,

Please find below VCH's just-released information bulleting re: the new TDOPS site.

Sandra

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## Thomus Donaghy Overdose Prevention Site Relocated

Vancouver, B.C. — Residents of downtown Vancouver will continue to have access to overdose prevention services, including supervised consumption, drug checking and other harm reduction services that connect people to care and can create a pathway to healing, as the relocated Thomus Donaghy Overdose Prevention Site (OPS) opens later today, April 3.

The toxic drug crisis is a declared Public Health emergency in British Columbia and is the leading cause of death in B.C. for people aged 10 to 59, accounting for more deaths than homicides, suicides, accidents and natural disease combined. Vancouver City Centre Local Health Area (LHA) records the second highest rate of overdose deaths in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region, and the second highest number of calls to B.C. Emergency Health Services after the Downtown Eastside. Harm reduction services are crucial to keeping people alive and connecting them to local services.

In March 2021, VCH and service partner, Raincity Housing, first opened the Thomus Donaghy OPS on Seymour Street. The program provides life-saving overdose prevention services to residents at risk of death from the toxic drug supply, which is often contaminated by a growing and unpredictable mix of dangerous substances, including synthetic opioids like fentanyl, benzodiazepines, nitazenes and other adulterants. Since opening, this OPS has experienced a 150 per cent increase in the volume of average daily visits, reversed more than 200 overdoses, and connected countless people at risk of overdose to essential healthcare supports and services to improve people's quality of life.

The lease for the Seymour Street location of the Thomus Donaghy OPS expired Sunday, March 31, 2024. A new location in the same LHA will open later today, in a space behind a social housing complex in the 1000-block of Howe Street. To ensure no gap in services, the VCH Mobile OPS is in place temporarily near the original location to provide life-saving harm reduction services to downtown residents.

The new site is accessed from Howe Street, but does not have street frontage, offering clients and

residents increased privacy. VCH is committed to being a good neighbour, working with the City, other local partners and residents to ensure the smooth operation of these health-care services. The new OPS will be supported by security, sidewalk management, litter and needle sweeps, and community outreach teams, in addition to other supports, to ensure the health and safety of the people it serves as well as people in the surrounding area.

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is committed to delivering exceptional care to 1.25 million people, including the First Nations, Métis and Inuit within the traditional territories of the Heiltsuk, Kitasoo-Xai'xais, Lil'wat, Musqueam, N'Quatqua, Nuxalk, Samahquam, shíshálh, Skatin, Squamish, Tla'amin, Tseil-Waututh, Wuikinuxv, and Xa'xtsa. Learn more at [vch.ca](http://vch.ca) [[vch.ca](http://vch.ca)].

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