

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-537

January 21, 2025

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 23, 2024 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

Annual operating and/or maintenance budgets, including for the City's internal costs and outside services (such as cleaning, repairs, subcontractors, and washroom attendants) for all free-standing washrooms on sidewalks and in public areas (such as parks) in Vancouver, including all fully functional sidewalk toilets and Portland Loo models or temporary washroom installations. Date range: January 1, 2020 to August 22, 2024; specifically the budgets for last fiscal year (actual) and current fiscal year.

All responsive records are attached.

Engineering Services staff have advised our office that automated public toilets are not a budget item, as their installation and maintenance costs are covered by the contractor pursuant to their Street Furniture Agreement (available here: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/2023-284-release.pdf>). Additionally, two comfort stations have not been included in the responsive records, as they are not free-standing washrooms.

Lastly, Engineering Services staff noted that Engineering has budgeted \$18,032 per month to support Arts, Culture & Community Services' (ACCS) attendant program since support began on August 1, 2024 – as a result, Engineering's total budget for 2024 is \$108,192. An additional six months of support from Engineering is allocated for 2025, from January 1 to June 30 (totalling \$110,000).

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 (2024-537); 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]

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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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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Parks Board						
Budget	\$1,998,979	\$2,338,109	\$2,361,000	\$3,069,200	\$2,049,765	<i>Prorated to Aug 22 2024</i>
Actuals				\$3,350,644		

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ACCS - Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Actuals - Pigeon Park Attendant Program	\$0	\$0	\$98,065	\$275,575	\$132,136
Actuals - Oppenheimer Peer Program		\$212,694	\$425,388	\$319,041	\$283,592

REFM Actual Charges	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Jan-Sept)	
Total	105,575	67,623	75,262	102,838	98,236	CC 18948 "Minor Buildings"