

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-557

September 11, 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 September 10, 2024 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Record of Waste Discharge Permit No. SC-100723-VSA (MT-MTDOCS.FID3973653) for 1885 Clark Drive, 1220 E 2nd Ave, and 1988 Vernon Drive. Date range: January 1, 2011 to September 9, 2024.

All responsive records are attached.

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 (2024-557); 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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WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT
No. SC-100723-VSA
(the "Permit")

Issued by City of Vancouver under the provisions of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage
District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 299, 2007 (as amended)
(the "Bylaw")

Yen Brothers Produce Ltd
(the "Permittee")


is authorized to discharge Wastewater to Sewer from
a food processing and warehousing facility located at

1988 Vernon Dr, Vancouver, BC

This Permit has been issued under the terms and conditions prescribed in the attached
Schedules A, B, C, D and E for discharge services and works existing or planned on

July 01, 2011

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Deputy Sewage Control Manager

SCHEDULE A

This Schedule sets out requirements for the quantity and quality of the discharge to Sewer.

1. AUTHORIZED RATE OF DISCHARGE

The Permittee shall not exceed the following:

Sample Point: 1

- Maximum daily discharge flow rate: **120.00 m³/day**

2. AUTHORIZED DISCHARGE CRITERIA

- a) The Permittee shall not discharge Restricted Waste or other Waste, as defined in the Bylaw, including but not limited to the following (regardless of sample type):


Parameter	Authorized Limit	Notes
pH	5.5 - 10.5 pH Units	
Total Suspended Solids	600 mg/L	

- b) The Permittee shall not discharge Restricted Waste or other Waste, as defined in the Bylaw, with the following exceptions (regardless of sample type):

Parameter	Authorized Limit	Notes
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	No Limit	

- c) The Permittee shall not discharge Prohibited Waste, Storm Water or Uncontaminated Water, as defined in the bylaw.
- d) The Permittee shall not discharge Hazardous Waste, or effluent from the treatment of Hazardous Waste which exceeds the Effluent Standards for Hazardous Waste Facilities, as stipulated in Schedule 1.2, Column 3, of the BC Environmental Management Act Hazardous Waste Regulation.

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SCHEDULE B

This Schedule sets out requirements and locations for the approved sample points, waste sources, and works and procedures to treat and/or control the discharges to Sewer.

1. SAMPLE POINTS, WASTE SOURCES, WORKS & PROCEDURES

SAMPLE POINT: 1

This sample point is considered to be a point of discharge to Sewer. The approved sample point location is described and is illustrated in the photo(s) below.

Description: The outlet sampling tee on the trade waste interceptor.


Source: **Wastewater From a Vegetable Processing Facility**

All non domestic wastewater runoff from the vegetable processing plant facility and cleanup process

Type: Continuous

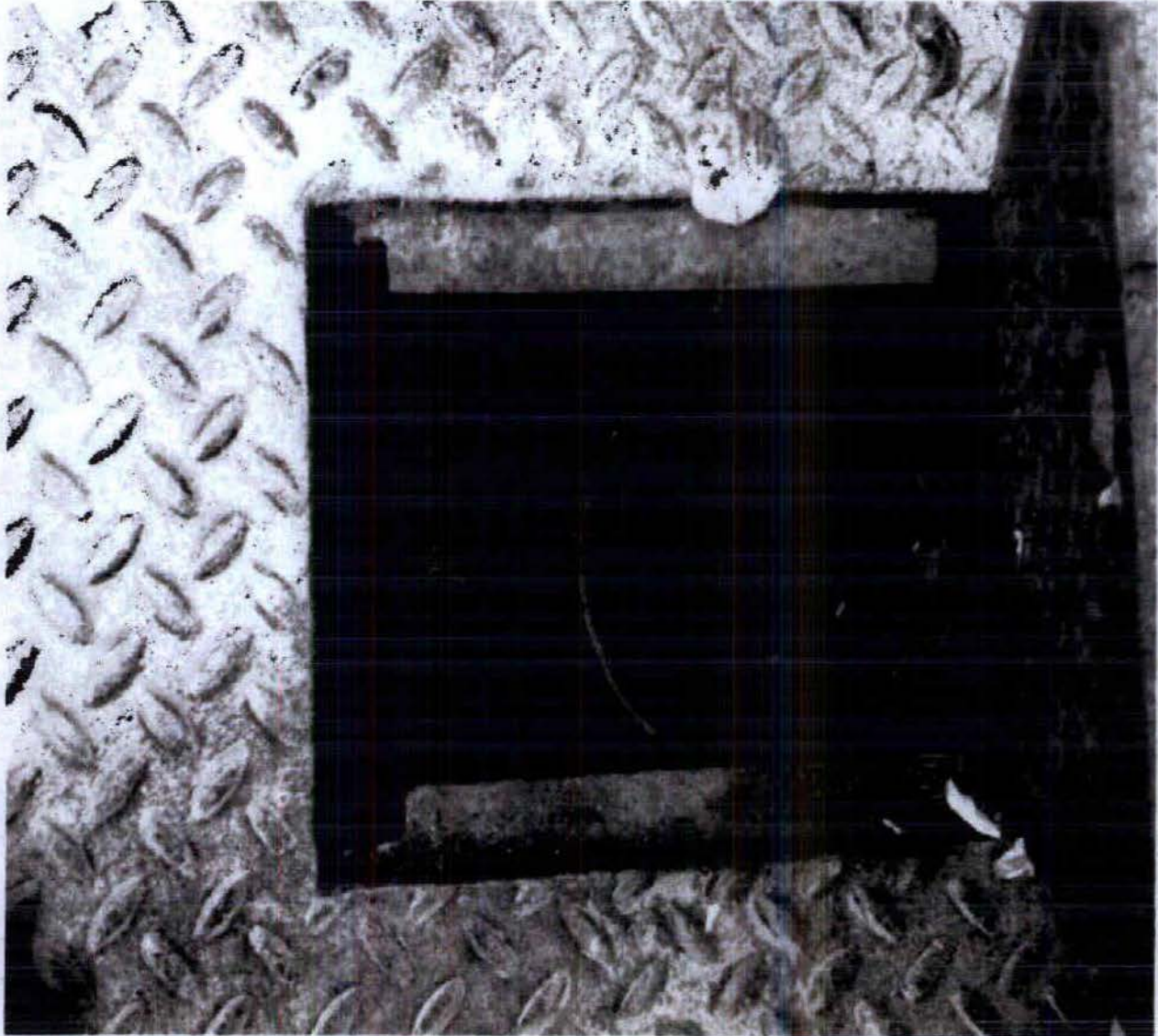
Works and Procedures	Completion Date
Collection and conveyance system	Completed
Trade waste interceptor	Completed
Flow monitoring device	Completed
Fine mesh screens on all trench drains	Completed
Floor drains	Completed
Trench drains	Completed
Good operating practices	Completed

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SCHEDULE B

Photograph of Sample Point 1:



Sample point

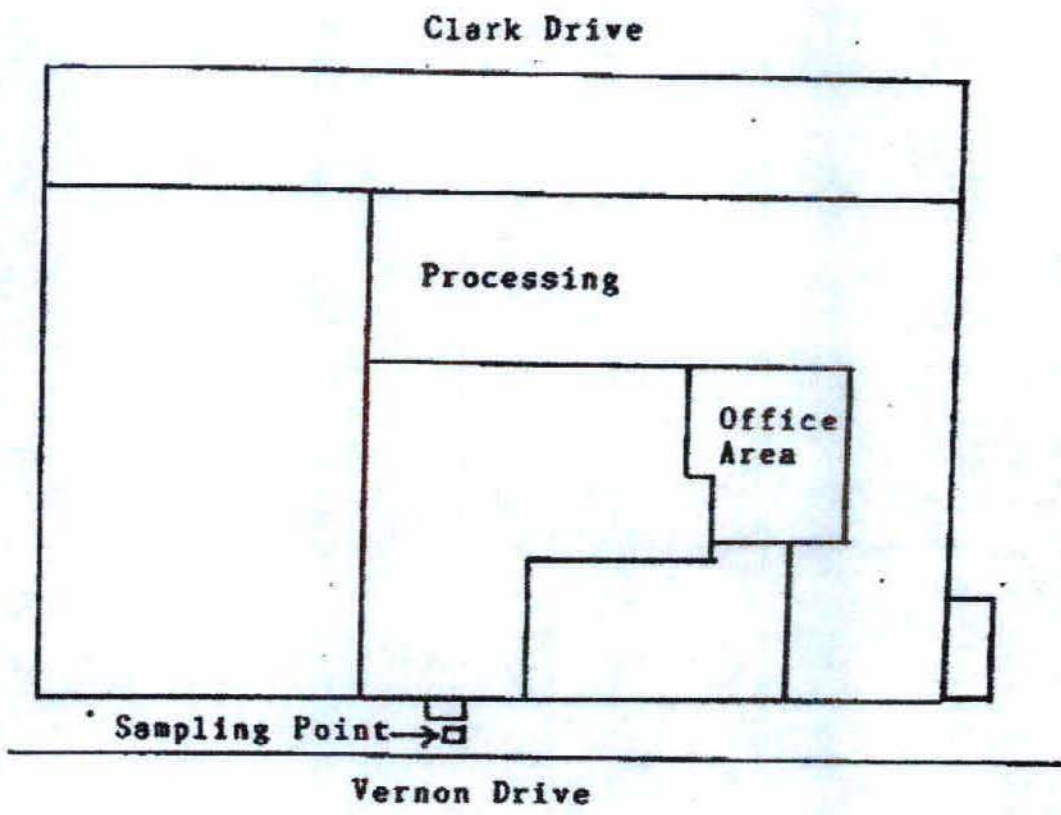
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SCHEDULE B

2. SITE PLAN(S)

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SCHEDULE C

This Schedule sets out standard conditions and requirements for emergency procedures.

1. STANDARD CONDITIONS

- a) Except as otherwise provided in this Permit, all terms, conditions and definitions stipulated in the Bylaw shall apply to this Permit.
- b) Pursuant to the Bylaw, the Sewage Control Manager (the Manager) may amend the terms and conditions of this Permit.
- c) All records required by this permit shall be kept available for a minimum period of one year.

2. WORKS AND PROCEDURES

- a) All authorized works, procedures and requirements shall be employed at all times during any discharge to sewer. As applicable, all such works shall be inspected and calibrated regularly and maintained in good working condition.
- b) The Manager may require that additional works be installed if the existing works do not provide an acceptable level of treatment. The Manager must authorize new works or alterations to existing works. The Manager must authorize new waste sources.

3. NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

The Permittee shall immediately report to City of Vancouver Environmental Protection Branch at 604-667-7285 (24 hours):

- a) Spills with the potential to be discharged to the Sanitary Sewer.
- b) Failure of authorized works or conditions and/or failure to carry out authorized procedures that will or have the potential to result in a Permit limit being exceeded.
- c) Discharge pH less than 2 or greater than 12.5.


4. BY-PASSES

The discharge of Wastes that by-pass any authorized works or is not in accordance with procedures designated by the Permit is prohibited, unless prior authorization of the Manager is obtained.

5. DISCHARGE MONITORING

- a) All sampling, measurements, tests and analyses of waste discharges shall be carried out in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" published by the American Public Health Association, or an alternate method authorized by the Manager. With the exception of pH measurements, all samples shall be analyzed by an independent laboratory unless otherwise authorized by the Manager.
- b) Laboratories used by the Permittee must be accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation.
- c) Any changes in method or location of monitoring must be authorized by the Manager.
- d) Additional monitoring and/or reporting shall be undertaken by the Permittee when required by the Manager.

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SCHEDULE D

This Schedule sets out the requirements for the monitoring of the discharge to Sewer.

DISCHARGE SAMPLING AND ANALYSES: Effective July 01, 2011

1. FLOW MEASUREMENTS

The Permittee shall measure or estimate the discharge flow to sanitary sewer during each month of operation using the approved method(s) and record for reporting purposes the following:

- Total discharge volume (m^3) for the month for sample point(s) 1
- Number of days of discharge to sewer during the month for sample point(s) 1
- Maximum daily discharge flow rate (m^3/day) during the month for sample point(s) 1
- Maximum instantaneous flow rate (L/second) during the month for sample point(s) 1

2. SAMPLING PROGRAM

Continuous Discharge Sampling:

The Permittee shall record for reporting purposes for each sample the following:

- Sample date
- Sample collection time or sample collection start and stop time(s) if applicable
- Total daily discharge volume (m^3) on the date of sampling

SAMPLE POINT: 1

Continuous Discharges:

On one normal operating day once per month collect 1 set of composite samples and analyze for:

- Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- Total Suspended Solids


On one normal operating day once per month collect 1 set of grab samples and analyze for:

- pH

Grab sample pH analysis must be conducted immediately upon sampling.

Unless otherwise specified, composite samples shall consist of equal portions of grab samples, collected at a frequency of at least one per hour during discharge to sewer.

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SCHEDULE D

If composite sampling is specified, grab samples shall be taken during the period of composite sampling unless noted otherwise in this Schedule.

Unless otherwise specified, all samples should be taken during normal operations.

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SCHEDULE E

This Schedule sets out reporting requirements for this Permit.


1. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

By August 31, 2011 and monthly thereafter for the term of this permit:

The Permittee shall submit a report detailing the results of the discharge sampling and analyses program, as specified, for the previous month including lab reports.

Should a violation of any term or condition of the Permit be noted, the report shall include a summary of the investigation into the cause of the violation and the corrective actions taken or proposed to prevent future violations. This does not preclude the immediate notification requirements specified in Schedule C.

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HAND DELIVERED

June 23, 2011

File: 1988 Vernon Dr
SC-100723-VSA
SC920057

Yen Brothers Produce Ltd
1988 Vernon Dr
Vancouver, BC V6A 3Y6

Attention: Ed Yen, President

**Re: Waste Discharge Permit No. SC-100723-VSA Amendment for 1988 Vernon Dr,
Vancouver, BC V6A 3Y6**

Dear Mr. Yen:

Metro Vancouver's Liquid Waste Regulatory Program has developed a database to manage the administration and fees associated with Waste Discharge Permits. REMIR, a database that interfaces with the Permittee, will house all associated monitoring and sampling data related to the Permit.

As part of this process, Waste Discharge Permit No. SC-100723-VSA pertaining to the discharge of non-domestic waste to sewer from a food processing and warehousing facility located at 1988 Vernon Dr, Vancouver, BC V6A 3Y6 has been amended to incorporate changes to standard language, incorporate any other changes that have been identified since the permit was issued or last amended, and to accommodate the structural conventions of REMIR.

A copy of the resulting amended Permit, issued under Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 299, 2007 (as amended), is enclosed. Please note that this Permit is not effective until July 1, 2011. In the interim, your existing Permit remains in effect. If the monitoring program specified in your Permit changes as of the July 1 effective date of your amended Permit, an updated monitoring report form is included in this package.

Applicability of Other Enactments and Legislation

It is the responsibility of the Permit holder to ensure that all activities conducted pursuant to this Permit are carried out with due regard to the rights of third parties and are in compliance with other applicable enactments that may be in force.

Appeals

This Permit may be appealed by persons who consider themselves aggrieved by this decision in accordance with Part 8 of the provincial Environmental Management Act. Written notices of

appeal must be received by the Environmental Appeal Board within thirty (30) days.

Related Information and Documentation

Information and documentation regarding the City of Vancouver's liquid waste regulatory program, the Sewer and Water Course Bylaw No. 8093 and Sewer Use Bylaw No. 299, 2007 (as amended) is available by calling 311 or online at:

<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/LICANDINSP/inspections/environment/index.htm>

At a future date, you will be required to submit your future monitoring report data electronically through the REMIR. Prior to this, you will be notified of available training sessions for you or your authorized representative to familiarize yourself with the system. In the interim, please continue to submit your paper monthly monitoring reports as per usual.

Future Permit Amendments

Please be advised that should you wish to amend this Permit, you must submit a request in writing along with the applicable Waste Discharge Permit amendment fee (please refer to Schedule C of the Bylaw). The request must be submitted **at least 60 days** prior to the anticipated change.

Should there be a conflict between the information provided in this letter and Waste Discharge Permit No. SC-100723-VSA, the latter shall prevail.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 604-873-7124 or by email at douglas.elford@vancouver.ca.

Yours truly,

Douglas Elford
Environmental Protection Officer
City of Vancouver

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Attachment: Copy of Yen Brothers Produce Ltd Permit No. SC-100723-VSA
Optional: Amended Monitoring Report Form, Effective July 1, 2011