

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-620

February 13, 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 writing regarding your request of October 15, 2024 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Records of correspondence, including emails, text messages, and messages via messaging apps, between Gurpreet Vinning (or any FortisBC representatives) and David Grewal, Trevor Ford, Mayor Sim, Sarah Kirby Yung, Mike Klassen, and/or Brian Montague. Date range: November 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.15(1)(l) and s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here: 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 or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (2024-620); 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.

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From: "Gurpreet Vinning" <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
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Date: 5/22/2024 12:07:01 PM
Subject: BC Coalition for Affordable Dependable Energy

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To: "Pavone, Connie" <connie.pavone@vancouver.ca>
Date: 11/5/2024 2:22:07 PM
Subject: FW: Background information

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From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
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Subject: Background information

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<https://www.biv.com/news/commentary/barry-penner-meeting-tomorrows-energy-needs-demands-action-now-8295058> [biv.com]

British Columbia is on a dangerous trajectory. The looming crisis in energy supply will affect the lives of every resident of this province.

Our provincial government is aware of this. That's why BC Hydro is planning a new call for power this spring, asking the private sector to help keep the lights on.

With a growing population and government policy calling for rapid electrification, there is an ever-growing need for new sources of electricity to enable new homes, businesses, transit options and electric vehicles.

Today, five million people call B.C. home, but that number will be dwarfed in the coming decades. The B.C. government has projected our population will grow to 6.5 million in 2041 – and this was before Ottawa raised its goal of welcoming new immigrants to 500,000 per year.

Our electricity generating capacity is showing its inadequacy for today's needs – and when compared to the projected demand, it resembles a house of cards.

B.C. has been home to exciting energy stories in recent years, such as the Site C dam and LNG Canada project.

But we've become reliant on external sources of electricity. According to BC Hydro, 20 per cent of our electrical demand is being met by imports via aging transmission lines, mostly from the United States. We are exporting dollars to purchase electricity that might have been produced at home, supporting jobs and tax generation elsewhere rather than in B.C.

It's worth noting that a majority (60 per cent) of electricity generated in the United States is derived from coal, crude oil and other sources that contradict B.C.'s decarbonization efforts.

Yes, below-average precipitation has exacerbated the issue by reducing hydroelectric output in British

Columbia. Prudent planning for low water years would have taken this into account through more diversification.

While the long-awaited Site C dam will provide a welcome increase in hydroelectricity capacity when it opens (hopefully) in 2025, it's not a silver bullet. Its anticipated annual output is only about half as much electricity as we have already imported this year. In other words, even if Site C was operating this year, we would still be shopping around for electricity from our American cousins.

B.C. should commit to building more generating capacity. The upcoming call for power is a step in that direction, but is only anticipated to be for 3,000 gigawatt hours of electricity – about a third of what we've imported this year.

And that's before aggressive plans to mandate a 100-per-cent electric vehicle sales target and transition away from other forms of energy.

Simply put, we don't have enough electricity to do everything the B.C. government is calling for in its CleanBC climate policy.

Of course, new projects take time. Government permitting, First Nations consultation and negotiations, financing and construction requirements add years to the process. The Site C dam was announced more than 13 years ago – and still isn't finished.

Meeting decarbonization timelines requires dramatically reduced delays in getting projects built.

In the meantime, we need to be strategic in our deployment of existing electricity resources. We can't electrify everything at once. Priorities need to set. What will deliver the most benefits (reduced emissions while maintaining reliability) at the lowest cost?

A dispassionate analysis needs to be undertaken, which is what we are working on at the Energy Futures Initiative.

In pursuit of climate action, the global context matters, as reinforced by the explicit reference to transition fuels at COP 28.

This mean we should be careful not to close the door to future energy options. The move by some municipal governments (Nanaimo, Burnaby, Victoria and Saanich) to effectively ban the connection of new homes and businesses to natural gas comes to mind. Renewable natural gas (from decomposing organic matter) is increasingly available, and many environmentalists are pinning their hopes on zero-emission hydrogen. Both can be delivered using traditional natural gas infrastructure – but only if it's allowed to be built.

We can reduce emissions, work to maintain affordability and enhance our economy to pay for health care and education.

But this path demands action instead of energy wishful thinking – and soon.

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Hey David,

Just an FYI we are meeting with Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung on May 22nd and Brian s.22(1)
I'll send you the new information and wording in the coming days for you to look at. But here is another warning for government and industry: <https://globalnews.ca/news/10217271/bc-energy-supply-warning/> [globalnews.ca]

An independent group is sounding the alarm that B.C.'s electrical system is not ready to handle the ever-increasing demand for power.

Energy Futures Initiative, an advocacy group, said B.C. could be labelled an "at-risk" area for power generation as early as 2026.

Following 18 months of drought, the B.C. government was forced to import a record amount of power in 2023, roughly the equivalent of two Site C Dams worth of power.

A report from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation stated that B.C. is a risk to generating enough power consistently in the future. The report said by 2026 that increasing demand and generation constraints could become an issue.

"One-fifth of our power last year came from outside of British Columbia," Barry Penner, chair for the Energy Futures Initiative told Global News. "We're not self-sufficient, and there is a risk to not being self-sufficient."

The organization is calling on the B.C. government to seriously look at alternatives to hydro to meet the province's generation needs.

Meanwhile, the government has put out a call for independent power producers to help alleviate some of the future demand.

"When you add it up, the minister says we have a surplus, and I am going blue in the face — it doesn't make sense," BC United Energy Critic Tom Shypitka said in December.

BC Hydro is scheduled to bring the new Site C Dam online this year, which will produce another 5,100 gigawatt hours of electricity per year.

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Subject: FW: Vaughn Palmer: Climate change has made B.C. Hydro a power importer | Vancouver Sun

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From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:33 PM
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Subject: Vaughn Palmer: Climate change has made B.C. Hydro a power importer | Vancouver Sun

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Hey David,

Here is one of the articles I was talking about, I'll send a more detailed brief in the coming weeks but here is the key point,

"All in, Hydro imported 10,000 gigawatts of electricity last year(2023), roughly one fifth of the province's annual needs. The cost approached half a billion dollars. By comparison, in 2022, Hydro exported almost \$1 billion worth of power."

<https://vancouver.sun.com/opinion/columnists/vaughn-palmer-back-patting-aside-climate-change-has-made-bc-hydro-a-power-importer> [vancouver.sun.com]

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Mandy.Assi@fortisbc.com
Date: 5/8/2024 10:18:54 AM
Subject: Natural Gas Discussion with FortisBC

Confirmed: Please see email from Olivia, thank you (note added May 13, 2024)

Thank you for your request to discuss the role of natural/renewable gas within the City of Vancouver and Energize Vancouver (Link: <https://vancouver.ca/green-vancouver/energize-vancouver.aspx>), as well as Metro Vancouver's Proposed Regulatory Approach to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Large Buildings. Please see the original email thread and meeting access details below.

Meeting Location and Details:

Coffee Shop inside the Jewish Community Centre (950 W 41st Ave, Vancouver, BC V5Z 2N7)

Map Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Tak65PKoWqiWsfMP7>

Thank you,
Olivia

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From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:23 AM

To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>

Subject: FortisBC meeting

Good morning, Councillor Kirby-Young,

I hope you're doing well and you're enjoying the nice weather. I'm reaching out on behalf of FortisBC as a follow up from some of our earlier discussions. We'd like to brief in regards to our efforts with City staff and some of our conversations with your colleagues. We'd like to discuss the role of natural/renewable gas within the City of Vancouver and Energize Vancouver; <https://vancouver.ca/green-vancouver/energize-vancouver.aspx>

We would also like to take this opportunity to speak about Metro Vancouver's Proposed Regulatory Approach to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Large Buildings.

We will be happy to make ourselves available at your convenience. Thank you.

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From: "Klassen, Mike" <Mike.Klassen@vancouver.ca>
To: "Gurpreet Vinning" <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
CC: "Chingcuangco, Cheryll" <Cheryll.Chingcuangco@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/7/2024 2:45:40 PM
Subject: Re: FortisBC

Hi Gurpreet. I've cc'd Cheryll so she can try to book you, me & Cllr Meiszner.

Cheers!

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From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:39:38 PM
To: Klassen, Mike <Mike.Klassen@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: FortisBC

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Hi Mike,

I've already got a meeting with Sarah. I've reached out to you and Peter as we've met with your most of your other colleagues. We'd be happy to meet with you and Peter together in the next 2-3 weeks.

Given the topic of discussion we'd like to keep the groups small to ensure enough time for questions and discussion.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Gurpreet Vinning

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From: Klassen, Mike <Mike.Klassen@vancouver.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:21:13 PM
To: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Subject: Re: FortisBC

Hi Gurpreet. Nice to hear from you. If you have sent this invitation to other councillors can you let me know? I think it makes sense for us to coordinate a presentation with as many of us as practical. I'll follow up once I hear back to get something organized.

Cheers!

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To: Klassen, Mike <Mike.Klassen@vancouver.ca>
Subject: FortisBC

Good afternoon, Councillor Klassen

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To: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/27/2024 4:26:04 PM
Subject: Re: FortisBC meeting

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Hey Sarah,

Have 5 mins to speak?

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From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 2:16:54 PM
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: FortisBC meeting

Hi Sarah,

It was nice seeing you on Monday. s.22(1)
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Do you have 5 mins to chat today? Sort of personal and election related.

Gurpreet

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From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 12:19:09 PM
To: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Cc: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: FortisBC meeting

Hello Gurpreet,

Thanks for reaching out.

I'd be happy to meet.

I'm looping Olivia in from my office to help set up a time for us.

Are you also outreaching to other councillors? Happy to do a join meeting with some of my colleagues if that saves some time.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Hydro development story

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Hi Sarah,

I wanted to give you an update on this file. Unfortunately costs continue to rise for the homeowner. s.22(1)
s.22(1) The homeowner must pay \$15,000 to upgrade two transmission poles because they need to accommodate heavier cable upgrades needed for 400 amps. Additionally, they will delay the move in date by 8-10 weeks minimum.

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I know the intent of full electrification was done with good intentions but the unintended consequences of rising costs of electrification are going to hit any new construction project. Overall, this homeowner has to pay an additional \$50,000 but builders are just passing these costs on to new buyers.

A 4plex and a 6 plex will require a PMT (Padmounted Transformer) at a cost of at least of \$100,000 because of the increased electrical required as a result of not having RNG for home heating.

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From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>

Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 at 8:55 PM

To: CLRkirby-yung@vancouver.ca <CLRkirby-yung@vancouver.ca>

Subject: Hydro development story

Hi Sarah, it was nice catching up with you the other day s.22(1) I hope your event went well and that you had a nice weekend. I committed to providing a summary of that single family home example I was discussion.

s.22(1) reached out to describe his challenges with the new electrification only heating by-law. He is building a 3-story home on a 33 X 120 foot with a legal basement and a laneway home. He requires enough electricity for 3 kitchens, an electric charger, and for home heating.

As he can no longer heat install natural or renewable gas heating, he needs to upgrade the electrical connection to his home at a cost of \$30,000. The upgrade is required as he needs over 400amps whereas with gas heating he could have had the house at 200amps. To be clear, even if he installed a heat pump, he still would have been required to upgrade the panel and pay the \$30,000. If he had been able to heat with renewable natural gas, he would not have needed 400amps and would not have been required to pay \$30,000. In addition, he would have had a lower carbon footprint for home heating with RNG when compared to Hydro electricity. You can see the table below from BC Hydro.

Fuel Type	CO2e (kg/GJ)*
Natural Gas	49.87
Gasoline	65.22
Electricity (BC Hydro)	3.0**
Electricity (FortisBC)	0.79
Renewable Natural Gas	0.29
Electricity (Alberta)	222

* Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "2020 B.C. Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions." Victoria, B.C. April 2021. pp. 8-13. PDF

** BCH's electricity grid emits 3 kg of CO2e per GJ when there are ample annual reservoir levels; when reservoirs are low electricity imports increase; in 2019 overall emissions rose to 8.8 kg of CO2e. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "FAQ – Electricity Emission Intensity Factors for Grid-Connected Entities." Victoria, B.C. June 2022. p. 1-2. PDF

Without renewable natural gas as a heating source this problem will only get worse in the City. A 4 plex or a 6 plex will have to pay tens of thousands more when compared to heating with RNG.

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Date: 6/3/2024 3:30:45 PM
Subject: Regulation for pipeline emissions

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Hi Mike and Peter,

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us last week. We appreciated the opportunity to share additional information on FortisBC's decarbonization plans.

Mike, I wanted to share some information regarding regulations in place to address upstream emissions in pipelines. I hope this provides comfort that there is considerable rigour in place.

Do feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks..Mandy

BC Methane Regulations (2018)

In December 2018, BC approved amendments to the [Drilling and Production Regulation \[bc-er.ca\]](#) to establish methane emissions reduction requirements for the upstream oil and gas sector. These regulations, which took effect in January 2020, were designed to:

- Achieve the provincial target of reducing methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 45% relative to 2014 levels by 2025.
- Achieve equivalency with the federal methane regulations for the upstream oil and gas sector.
- Address methane emissions from sources like storage tanks, pneumatic devices, equipment leaks, compressor seals, glycol dehydrators, and surface casing vents.

Stricter Targets for 2030 and 2035

The [CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 \[gov.bc.ca\]](#) set new targets for the oil and gas sector:

- 75% reduction in methane emissions by 2030 relative to 2014 levels.
- Near elimination of methane emissions by 2035.

BC is currently reviewing its regulations to identify changes needed to achieve the 2030 and 2035 methane targets and align with proposed new [federal regulations \[canada.ca\]](#) aiming for at least 75% reduction from 2012 levels.

Equivalency with Federal Regulations

In April 2020, the federal government declared the BC methane regulations as equivalent to the federal regulations for a 5-year period through an equivalency agreement.

The BC regulations differ from the federal ones in areas like more stringent control measures for new facilities, lower leak detection frequency requirements at some facility types, and covering additional sources like glycol dehydrators.

BC's regulatory review aims to maintain equivalency with the proposed new federal regulations while tailoring requirements to the provincial context and achieving the more ambitious 2030 and 2035 methane targets.

Monetary Penalties for non-compliance

Under the Administrative Penalties Under the [Administrative Penalties Regulation \[bclaws.gov.bc.ca\]](#)

- Contraventions of certain sections of the Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Regulation can result in administrative

- penalties up to \$500,000.
- Contraventions of other sections of the same regulation can result in penalties ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000, depending on the specific violation.
- Contraventions related to the Dormancy and Shutdown Regulation can also result in administrative penalties up to \$500,000 for certain violations.
- For contraventions related to emission reports, compliance reports, non-reporting of operations, and obstructing inspections under the [Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act \[bclaws.gov.bc.ca\]](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca), the maximum administrative penalty is \$1,000,000.
- There are also provisions for automatic administrative penalties for unmet compliance obligations related to greenhouse gas emission corrections and reporting requirements.

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From: [Klassen, Mike](#)
To: [Klassen, Mike](#); [Meiszner, Peter](#); [Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>](mailto:gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca)
Subject: FortisBC with G. Vinning
Start: Thursday, May 30, 2024 2:15:00 PM
End: Thursday, May 30, 2024 3:00:00 PM
Location: City Hall

Agenda Items: 05/08/24

1. COV Step Code
2. Energize Vancouver
3. Climate Emergency Action Plan
4. Energy Diversification
5. Next steps

Meeting Details:

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Attending:

Peter Meiszner – Councillor

Gurpreet Vinning - Prospectus Associates Public Affairs

Details:

From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca <mailto:gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca> >
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:01:43 PM
To: Klassen, Mike <Mike.Klassen@vancouver.ca <mailto:Mike.Klassen@vancouver.ca> >
Subject: FortisBC

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Gurpreet Vinning

Partner

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From: "Gurpreet Vinning" <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
To: "Hui, Olivia" <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/8/2024 10:40:55 AM
Subject: Re: FortisBC meeting

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Yes, thank you for sending the calendar invite. Indeed, busy times for council!

Gurpreet

From: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 10:20\u8239 AM
To: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Subject: RE: FortisBC meeting

Hi Gurpreet,

Yes, I've just sent a calendar hold over. Just hoping to confirm the exact time with Councillor Kirby-Yung (ie. 11 am vs 11:15 am).

As I'm sure you've heard, Council has been busy in session for the past couple days!

Thank you,
Olivia

From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:40 AM
To: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: FortisBC meeting

Yes, that works. Thank you! Can you send us a calendar invite?

Gurpreet Vinning

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From: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:36:36 AM
To: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Subject: RE: FortisBC meeting

Hi Gurpreet, May 22nd! My apologies.

It'll likely be at a coffee shop – does that work for you?

Olivia

From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:33 AM
To: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: FortisBC meeting

Hi Olivia, what day between 11:15-12?

Gurpreet

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From: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:18:20 AM
To: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Subject: RE: FortisBC meeting

Hi Gurpreet,

Are you and Mandy available to meet around Oakridge park, between 11:15 – 12 pm? Unfortunately Councillor Kirby-Yung's schedule is quite tight for the month of May.

If you prefer to meet at City Hall, I could find a me in June but am cognizant that you'd hoped to meet her in the next couple weeks rather than later.

Let me know what works for you,
Olivia

From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:12 AM
To: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: FortisBC meeting

Hi Olivia,

Following up on this.

Gurpreet

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From: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:59:18 AM
To: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Subject: RE: FortisBC meeting

Hi Gurpreet,

Let me just check with Councillor Kirby-Yung as she may not be at City Hall that day.

Will be in touch soon, thanks!
Olivia

From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:55 AM
To: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>

Subject: Re: FortisBC meeting

Hi Olivia,

We'll take May 22nd but we are hoping to have it in person and have 40 minutes if possible. Our topic is quite detailed, and we'd like to ensure that we have enough time for the discussion. Can you send the invite to myself and Mandy.Assi@fortisbc.com for an in-person meeting?

Thank you,

Gurpreet Vinning
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From: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 at 9:39\u8239 AM
To: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Subject: RE: FortisBC meeting

Good morning Gurpreet,

Looks like Councillor Kirby-Yung's only availability this month is on Wednesday, May 22nd between 10– 11:30 am. Are you able to meet with her virtually for 30 minutes? Unfortunately only a couple Councillors are available during that time.

If you don't mind meeting Councillor Kirby-Yung individually first, I can look into June for more dates where the majority of Council is available.

Let me know what you think,
Olivia

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From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:16 AM
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
Cc: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: FortisBC meeting

Hi Sarah,

We've met with several of your colleagues in the past. We're happy to have others join but we are happy to have individual meetings as I know coordinating schedules can be tough. Olivia, can we find some time in the next 10 days?

Thank you,

Gurpreet Vinning
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From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 12:19\u8239 PM
To: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Cc: Hui, Olivia <Olivia.Hui@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: FortisBC meeting

Hello Gurpreet,

Thanks for reaching out.

I'd be happy to meet.

I'm looping Olivia in from my office to help set up a meeting for us.

Are you also outreaching to other councillors? Happy to do a joint meeting with some of my colleagues if that saves some time.

Regards,

Sarah Kirby-Yung, MBA she/her
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From: Gurpreet Vinning <gurpreet.vinning@prospectus.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:23 AM
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>
Subject: FortisBC meeting

Good morning, Councillor Kirby-Young,

I hope you're doing well and you're enjoying the nice weather. I'm reaching out on behalf of FortisBC as a follow up from some of our earlier discussions. We'd like to brief in regards to our efforts with City staff and some of our conversations with your colleagues. We'd like to discuss the role of natural/renewable gas within the City of Vancouver and Energize Vancouver; <https://vancouver.ca/green-vancouver/energize-vancouver.aspx>

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