

File No.: 04-1000-20-2025-081

February 7, 2025

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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 February 4, 2025 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

**Record of a report detailing how the \$260 fee for Fire Inspection reports by Vancouver Fire Rescue Services was determined.**

The information you have requested\* is publicly available within the Fee Schedule of the City of Vancouver's Fire By-law no. 12472, which can be found on the City's website here:  
<https://bylaws.vancouver.ca/12472c.PDF>.

Vancouver Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) staff have further noted that the department bills \$130 per hour (or part thereof, plus GST) for each Fire Incident report that is requested. The \$260 amount noted on the City's website is billed based on the multiple staff/divisions involved and the process in place that takes longer than one hour to complete in order to release the report.

\*Please note that Fire Inspection reports are a distinctly different type of record than Fire Incident reports. VFRS does not bill for requests for Fire Inspection reports, and these types of records are appropriately handled through the FOI request process.

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 (2025-081); 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,

Kevin Tuerlings, FOI Case Manager, for

*[Signed by Kevin Tuerlings]*

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**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.

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