

File No.: 04-1000-20-2025-116

April 30, 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 February 18, 2024 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Record of all letters, emails, and correspondence between the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver and the Mayor's Office. Date range: January 1, 2020 to February 15, 2025.

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 (2025-116); 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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MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART

October 2, 2020

Mme TONG Xiaoling, Consul General
People's Republic of China in Vancouver
3380 Granville Street
Vancouver, BC V6H 3K3

Dear Mme. Tong:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of moon-cakes in celebrating of Mid-autumn Festival. We are very grateful for having this special treat sent to our office.

The City of Vancouver has a long tradition of friendship and cultural exchanges with China and as you know, we have a vibrant Chinese community in Vancouver that has contributed greatly to our multicultural society. Vancouver has a well-earned reputation as "gateway to the Pacific Rim" and we seek to continually strengthen these relationships with our Asian neighbors.

Thank you again and wish you a happy Mid-Autumn Festival.

Best wishes and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kennedy Stewart".

Kennedy Stewart
Mayor, City of Vancouver



中华人民共和国驻温哥华总领事馆
The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver

July 28, 2022

Worship Kennedy Stewart
Mayor of the City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Ave, Vancouver, BC
V5Y 1V4

Your Worship Mayor Kennedy Stewart,

I am writing to bid you farewell as I am finishing my tour of duty as Consul General in Vancouver at the end of July.

The city of Vancouver, where many Chinese Canadians take it home, has a historical and strong bond with China. The Sister City relationship between the city of Vancouver and the city of Guangzhou is testimony to the deeply-rooted friendship and cooperation between the two sides in the past 37 years and beyond.

I enjoyed my life in Vancouver in the nearly five years. The city, the people, the nature and the environment are so beautiful and unique.

I wish Vancouver prosperity and Your Worship good health.

Sincerely yours,

Xiaoling Tong
Consul General
The People's Republic of China in Vancouver



中华人民共和国驻温哥华总领事馆
The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver

November 7, 2022

Your Worship Ken Sim
Mayor of the City of Vancouver
453 West 12th ave
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Your Worship Mayor Ken Sim,

As the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver, I would like to extend my warm congratulations to you on your inauguration as mayor of the City of Vancouver.

As the largest city on the Canadian west coast and a major city nearest to Asia, Vancouver has a long history of close ties with China. The two sides have had fruitful cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, culture and people-to-people exchanges, etc. Especially the 37 years history of sister city between Guangzhou and Vancouver has contributed much to the friendship between the two cities.

I am looking forward to a time when we can meet, to share ideas for strengthening ties between the City of Vancouver and Chinese cities and find more opportunities for our citizens and businesses to connect.

Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations.

Yours sincerely,

YANG Shu
Consul General
The People's Republic of China in Vancouver



MAYOR KEN SIM

December 7, 2022

Mr. Shu Yang, Consulate General
People's Republic of China in Vancouver
3380 Granville St.
Vancouver, BC
V6H 3K3

Dear Mr. Yang,

Thank you for your kind words on the occasion of my election as the Mayor of Vancouver. I am honoured and humbled that the people of Vancouver have given me the mandate to serve them for the next four years.

Vancouver and Guangzhou, China have shared a strong sister-city relationship since 1985. This relationship is important to the City of Vancouver and we look forward to supporting people-to-people exchanges, fostering cooperation and understanding, and sharing knowledge and best practices on our most pressing global issues.

Once again, thank you for your note and my sincere thanks to the Consulate General for all the work you do for the Chinese community in the Greater Vancouver area.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "Ken Sim", with a stylized, flowing script.

Ken Sim
Mayor of Vancouver



中华人民共和国驻温哥华总领事馆
The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver

November 21, 2024

Your Worship Ken Sim
Mayor of the City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Ave
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Your Worship Mayor Ken Sim,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to express the gratitude to the City of Vancouver for inviting me to the city-hosted *2024 Consular Corps Luncheon* on November 20. We appreciate the efforts by the City to maintaining connections with BC Consular Corps.

However, I noticed that the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vancouver was also invited. This was inappropriate, and the Chinese Consulate expresses its dissatisfaction regarding this.

There is but one China in the world, the government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China, and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China is the only consular mission representing China in Vancouver. ONE-CHINA Principle is an overwhelming consensus by the international society and committed by the Canadian Federal Government as well as the municipal governments.

To our best knowledge, this was the first time in recent years that head of TECO was invited to this biannual luncheon. The TECO is neither a consular mission, nor a member of the BC Consular Corps. Its representative is not entitled to attend any event as a member of BC Consular Corps.

I hope that the government of the City of Vancouver could take this issue seriously, and provide clarification regarding this.

Yours sincerely,

YANG Shu
Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver



MAYOR KEN SIM

December 1, 2024

Yang Shu
Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver
1595, 200A W Broadway
Vancouver, BC
(604) 416-0040

Dear Consul General Yang Shu,

Thank you for your letter and for attending the 2024 luncheon and briefing for the BC Consular Corps and our international partners. We are grateful for the continued engagement of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China with the City of Vancouver, and we value the important relationship we share.

To address the concerns raised in your letter, I would like to clarify that the City of Vancouver has been inviting the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) to the briefing for international partners since 2007. While the majority of the guest list for this event comprises members of the Consular Corps of British Columbia, we also extend invitations to other international partners to foster inclusive and collaborative dialogue.

The City of Vancouver recognises the diversity and vibrancy of its international community and aims to ensure that events such as this luncheon provide a platform to strengthen relationships across all international partnerships. We greatly appreciate the opportunity these gatherings create for meaningful connections and dialogue among all attendees.

Thank you again for your engagement with the City of Vancouver, and I look forward to continuing our shared efforts to advance our mutual interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ken Sim".

Ken Sim
Mayor, City of Vancouver

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Subject: FW: Letter from Chinese Consulate General regarding Taiwan Issue (Office of Consul General)
Attachments: Letter to Vancouver 20211109.doc

From: china.vancouver <china.vancouver@gmail.com>
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Cc: ExternalRelations@metrovanvancouver.org; Protocol IGRS:EX <Protocol@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Letter from Chinese Consulate General regarding Taiwan Issue (Office of Consul General)

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Dear Office of Mayor,
Please find attached a letter from the Office of Chinese Consul General regarding our position on the reports about a Friendship City relationship b/w Vancouver and Kaohsiung, which is currently under discussion.
Best regards,

Office of Consul General
Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver

November 9, 2021

Dear Office of Mayor,

Recently, we learned from some local media that His Worship Mayor Kennedy Stewart is working on a Friendship City Program and he had discussion with some local community members from Taiwan on facilitating the Friendship City relationship between Kaohsiung and Vancouver.

According to the report, Friendship City relationship is an official relationship and a formal mechanism for the City of Vancouver, which requires the acceptance from the City Council and a letter from the Mayor.

We would like to ask for your office's clarification on the above reports.

As your office is well aware, there is only one China in the world. Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The One-China principle is a universally-recognized norm of international relations and consensus of the international community. It is also the political foundation for the China-Canada relationship. A Friendship City relationship based on an official mechanism between Vancouver and Kaohsiung would be obviously against the One-China principle and undermine the political foundation of China-Canada relations.

The City of Vancouver has been having a historical relationship with China, including its Sister City, Guangzhou. We value the existing friendship and believe that it benefits the people of our two countries. We sincerely hope that your office will attach highest importance to this highly sensitive issue with regard to Taiwan and avoid any inappropriateness that might

damage to the existing bilateral relationship between Guangzhou and Vancouver and beyond.

Sincerely,

Office of Consul General
Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in
Vancouver

Cc: 1. External Relations and Protocol Department, City of Vancouver
2. The Office of Protocol, the Government of British Columbia