

File No.: 04-1000-20-2025-589

September 26, 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 September 2, 2025 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

All records relevant to any communications from Councillor Orr related to Gaza, Palestine, the Israel-Gaza War, and any related municipal business including but not limited to emails, text messages, teams chats, PowerPoint presentations, phone calls, phone notes, meeting notes and agendas, briefing notes and decision notes. Date range: August 11, 2025 to September 1, 2025.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download this section 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 (2025-589); 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]

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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Yan, Diane

From: Orr, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 1:54 PM
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Burnaby council votes unanimously to ask Ottawa to impose arms embargo on Israel

Amazing.

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CBC News

Aug 26, 2025

Burnaby council votes unanimously to ask

Ottawa to impose arms embargo on Israel

Burnaby also commits to sign pledge committing to justice and equality for Palestinians



Burnaby councillors Daniel Tetrault and Alison Gu speak at a rally outside of the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) offices in Vancouver last week. (Ben Nelms/CBC)

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Councillors in Burnaby, B.C., a municipality in the Metro Vancouver region, have unanimously passed a motion calling on the federal government to impose a two-way arms embargo on Israel amid the current war in Gaza.

The motion from Coun. Alison Gu asks Burnaby Mayor Mike Hurley to write to the federal government and request that the federal government stop the export and import of all military goods between Canada and Israel.

It also commits Burnaby to the signing of a [pledge](#) to be "apartheid free" and commit to freedom, justice and equality for the Palestinian people, as well as advocate for the feds to expand the [temporary resettlement visa program](#) for Canadians seeking to get family members out of Gaza.

Councillors said Tuesday that they were the first community in Canada to call for a two-way arms embargo on Israel, which has been fighting Hamas in the Gaza Strip since October 2023.



Coun. Alison Gu spoke to CBC News from council chambers on Tuesday, saying that the city had a moral responsibility to take a stand. (CBC)

"Our constituents have been speaking to us, coming to us, saying that they feel just completely let down by other orders of government in the lack of action on this," Gu told CBC's *On The Coast* before the meeting.

"The representation that we have as local leaders, the responsibility that we have to use our platform to take a stand, is a moral question," she added.

The passing of the motion was greeted by loud cheers in council chambers on Tuesday in Metro Vancouver's third-most populous city of just under 250,000 residents.

Gu said the motion was motivated by [recent analysis](#) that showed that arms from Canada are still flowing to Israel, despite the federal government's insistence that no arms have been shipped to the country since January 2024.

She says the [data](#) was uncovered by a group of researchers from four NGOs: World Beyond War, the Palestinian Youth Movement, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East and Independent Jewish Voices.

They found entries in the database of the Israel Tax Authority that show Canadian goods continuing to enter Israel, described by the Israeli government as military weapon parts and ammunition.



A number of pro-Palestinian protesters are seen at Burnaby city hall on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025. (CBC)

Coun. Daniel Tetrault, who is Jewish and descended from Holocaust survivors, said that councillors were standing up for many residents who had written to them horrified about what was going on in Gaza.

"I'm hearing from residents who are looking for leaders to advocate for peace and justice, but instead are faced with silent indifference or outright complicity of so many of our leaders," he said.

"Residents who are afraid to speak up in their workplace or their school or in their communities for fear of repercussion. Residents who not only want to see peace and justice everywhere else in the world, but also in their local communities."



Dozens of people gathered at Burnaby City Hall to support the motion on Tuesday evening. (CBC) Gaza's health ministry said Sunday that at least 62,000 Palestinians have been killed in the 22-month-long war. It does not distinguish between fighters and civilians.

- **Israeli double-strike that killed 5 journalists sparks international condemnation**
- **Ottawa says Israel is 'failing' in its obligation to prevent famine in Gaza**

The war began on Oct. 7, 2023, when Hamas-led militants killed 1,200 people and abducted 251, according to Israeli tallies. Most of the hostages have been released in ceasefire agreements or other deals, but 50 remain in Gaza, with around 20 still believed to be alive.

Israel has been criticized for the death toll in Gaza, with the country controlling who leaves Gaza and how much humanitarian aid can get in.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification system, a collaboration of 19 global organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO), said 514,000 people — close to a quarter of Palestinians in Gaza — are experiencing famine, with the number due to rise to 641,000 by the end of September.

With files from The Associated Press and Evan Dyer