

File No.: 04-1000-20-2025-617

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 6, 2025 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Records in relation to accommodation use, MRDT administration/ receipts/ distribution, or lodging operations at 1771 Comox Street (Sonder Revival) and 1111 Burnaby Street (Sonder The Sunset) including:

- 1. Business licence records showing licence category/classification and approved number of units/rooms (if recorded) and any inspection or compliance notes relating to accommodation use;**
- 2. Correspondence (email/letters/reports) between City departments and external parties (e.g., Ministry of Finance, Destination BC, Destination Vancouver, property managers) that name either address and discuss MRDT or accommodation tax matters, or the properties' use as tourist accommodation;**
- 3. Any internal memos/reports that specifically name either address in the context of tourism accommodation/MRDT.**

Date range: January 1, 2020 to July 31, 2025.

All information responsive to your request is outlined below.

Please note that records responsive to point one of your request are publicly available on the City's Open Data Portal within the following dataset:

<https://opendata.vancouver.ca/explore/dataset/business-licences/information/>. You may search "Sonder" for the relevant results. Additionally, business licences can be obtained routinely for a fee through the City's Licence Office. Please see their website for additional information: <https://vancouver.ca/doing-business/contact-business-licence-office.aspx>.

Tourism and Destination Events staff, as well as Financial Planning & Analysis staff, have advised that there are no records responsive to points two or three of your request. You may

wish to submit a request for records directly to the Province of BC via the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. You can do so by visiting their website here:

<https://foirequestform.gov.bc.ca/>.

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 (2025-617); 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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