

File No.: 2026-082

April 22, 2026

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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 January 23, 2026 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Record of correspondence, briefing notes, or staff memos to/from Councillor Fry, and relevant City staff or departments involved in policy, communications, or IT, relating to Councillor Fry's motion to end the use of X.com for meetings as the main platform of communication, including any discussion of platform-related risks. Date range: December 1, 2025 to January 22, 2026.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.13(1), 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 (2026-082); 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]

Siân Madsen, MA, MAS
Acting 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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Council Prep Package: Social Media Platform X Transition

Date: January 14, 2026

Audience: Mayor & Council

Classification: Internal briefing. Not for public distribution.

Dear Mayor & Council,

Staff have identified that the City's use of X (formerly Twitter) is emergent in the media and gaining interest across outlets. In response, staff have prepared a brief package with key messages, key facts and relevant Q&As that may be helpful to you in media interviews or conversations with stakeholders and constituents.

Issue in brief

In December 2025, the City began restricting the use of X to emergency updates and operational information, such as to notify the public about traffic advisories and City Hall closures. The City continues to expand its use of Threads, along with other social media channels, and no longer uses X for public dialogue or civic promotion. This decision follows ongoing monitoring of platform performance, accessibility and safety, and consultations with other municipalities.

As directed by Council on December 10, 2025, staff are reviewing options for the City Clerks X account, which provides access to real-time Council agenda and speaker updates.

Communications approach in brief

The City is responding to media inquiries reactively. The X icon has been removed from Vancouver.ca and key messages have been shared with 311. In the upcoming months, City staff will implement targeted campaigns to grow follower counts on other platforms, especially Threads, ensuring the public can continue to easily find and engage with the City.

Key messages

- Since December 2025, the City has restricted the use of X to critical safety information and operational updates such as traffic advisories and City Hall closures. The City no longer uses X to share information about City programs, initiatives or engagement opportunities.

- This decision follows ongoing monitoring of the platform's performance as a communications tool, including accessibility and safety, as well as concerns about misinformation and the potential misuse of AI-generated content.
- We encourage the public to follow our other social media channels to stay informed, receive timely updates and connect with the City.
- City staff are focusing on Threads, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn as tools to promote City initiatives and engagement opportunities and will continue to assess other platforms as potential avenues for communication.
- The City will continue to monitor all its active social media platforms and adjust usage as needed to ensure reliable and safe communication with residents.

Key facts

- Many of the City's partners, including VPL, Park Board, VFRS, VPD and TransLink, continue to use X. By maintaining a limited presence on the platform, the City can monitor activity and respond when tagged by our partners, especially in emergencies.
- Other municipalities in B.C. have also stopped or reduced the use of their X account due to similar concerns. The [District of North Vancouver](#) has deactivated its X account entirely, while the [Fraser Valley Regional District](#) has significantly reduced its use of the platform, citing concerns related to reliability, increasing number of spam bots and declining engagement.
- According to recent data, X has an estimated 561 million monthly users as of July 2025, a decrease from the reported 586 million in July 2024.
- Since fall 2023, Threads has grown from 100 million to 400 million monthly active users. Given this rapid growth, City staff are assessing opportunities to expand their use of Threads.
- The City will continue to post critical safety information and operational updates on X because of our large follower count (259,300), along with our other social media channels.
- City of Vancouver social media follower count:
 - o X – 259,300
 - o Facebook – 88,000
 - o Instagram – 122,000

- o Threads – 30,800
- o LinkedIn – 124,000

Questions & Answers

Q: Is the City changing its approach to X because of recent concerns around AI imagery and deepfake abuse?

A: Yes. Concerns about misinformation, including the misuse of AI-generated content, along with broader changes to the platform, informed the City's decision to reduce its activity on X. The City now uses X only for operational and emergency updates and encourages the public to follow our other social media channels for regular updates.

Q: Will the City stop using X entirely?

A: Not at this time. X remains an active platform for government agencies locally and across the province. The City will continue to use it for emergency information and operational updates that directly impact the public.

Q: What about Bluesky?

A: At this time, Bluesky has not reached the scale needed to support City-wide communications. The social media landscape continues to evolve, and staff will continue to monitor and assess emerging platforms, including Bluesky, as part of ongoing reviews of where and how the City engages with residents.

Q: What will happen to the Clerks X account?

A: Staff are assessing other social media options as well as the viability of live text-based updates on vancouver.ca for council meetings.

Any changes will need to be grounded in accessibility and functionality, both for the public and for City Clerks.

Staff will report back to Council with recommendations.

Related links

- [Council Members' Motion \(December 10, 2025\)](#)
- [Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung's Interview with CBC Radio, Jan. 13, 2026](#)
- City of Vancouver social media channels: X, [Threads](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)
- [Vancouver City Clerks – X](#)

Given this is an evolving issue, we will provide a follow up note if context or messaging requires updates. If you have any questions about the foregoing, please reach out to Maria Pontikis at Maria.Pontikis@Vancouver.ca. Media inquiries can be referred to media@vancouver.ca.

Thanks,
Donny

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From: [Freek, Chris](#)
To: [Pontikis, Maria](#)
Cc: [Hill, Jen](#); [Ho, Cecilia](#)
Subject: For Review: Council Prep Package: Social Media Platform X Transition
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:26:39 AM

Hi Maria,

Please see below a Mayor and Council briefing note on the city's use of X (formerly Twitter).

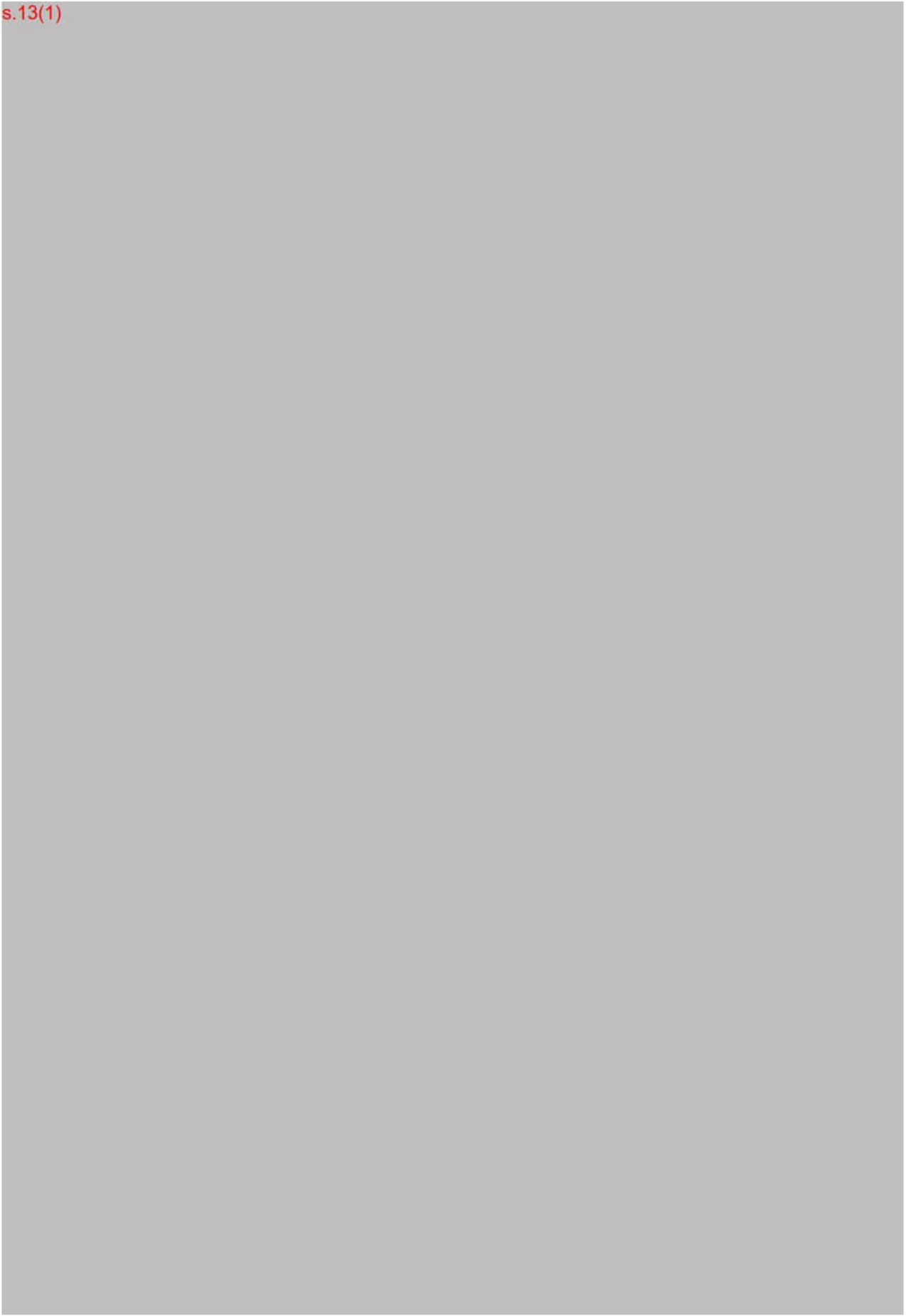
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Chris

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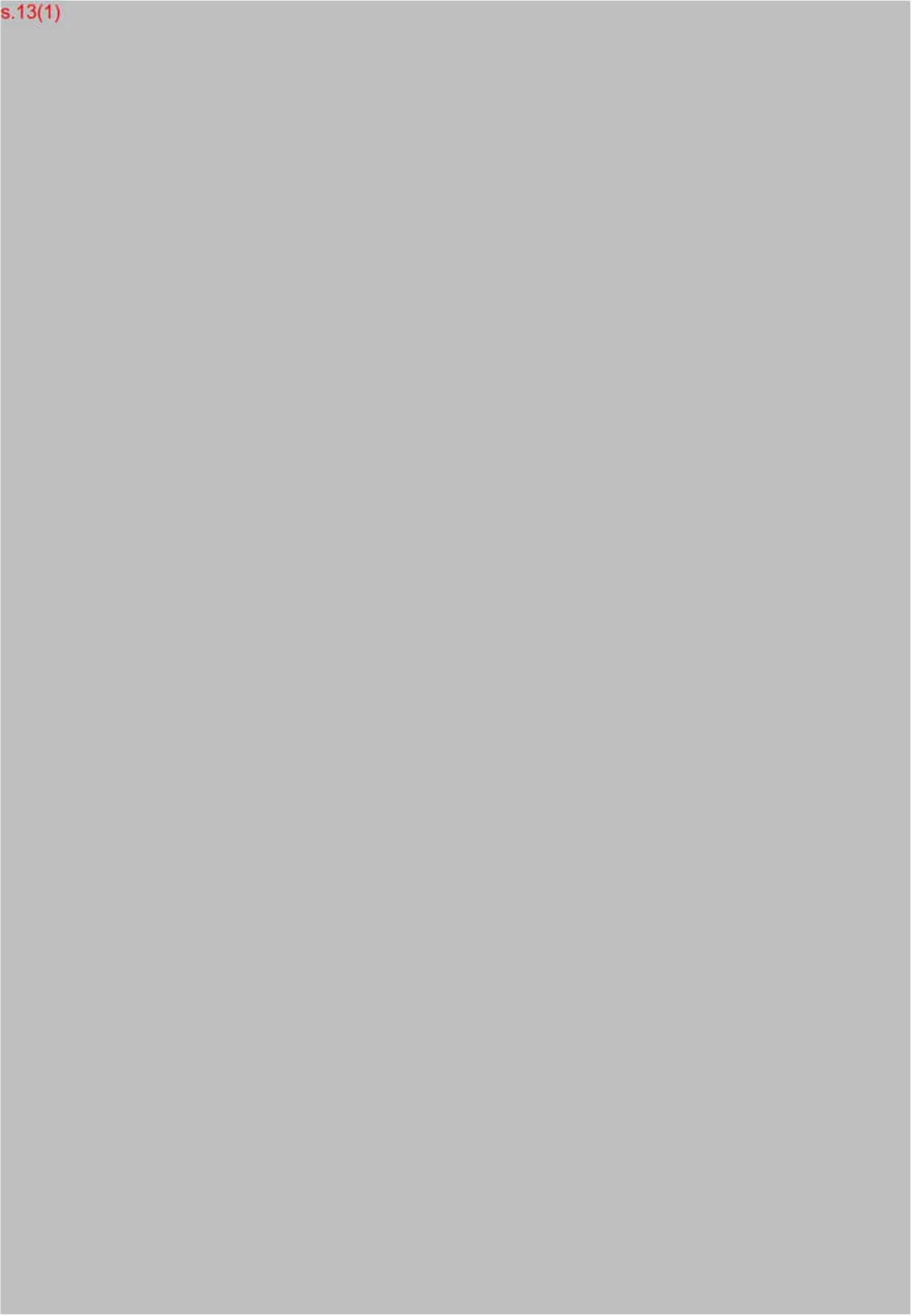
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From: [Hill, Jen](#)
To: [McMahon, Megan](#); [Delf, Rowena](#)
Subject: FW: Question on a Council motion
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 2:27:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI -

[Jen Hill](#) M.A.

she/her | Manager, Issues & Media
City of Vancouver

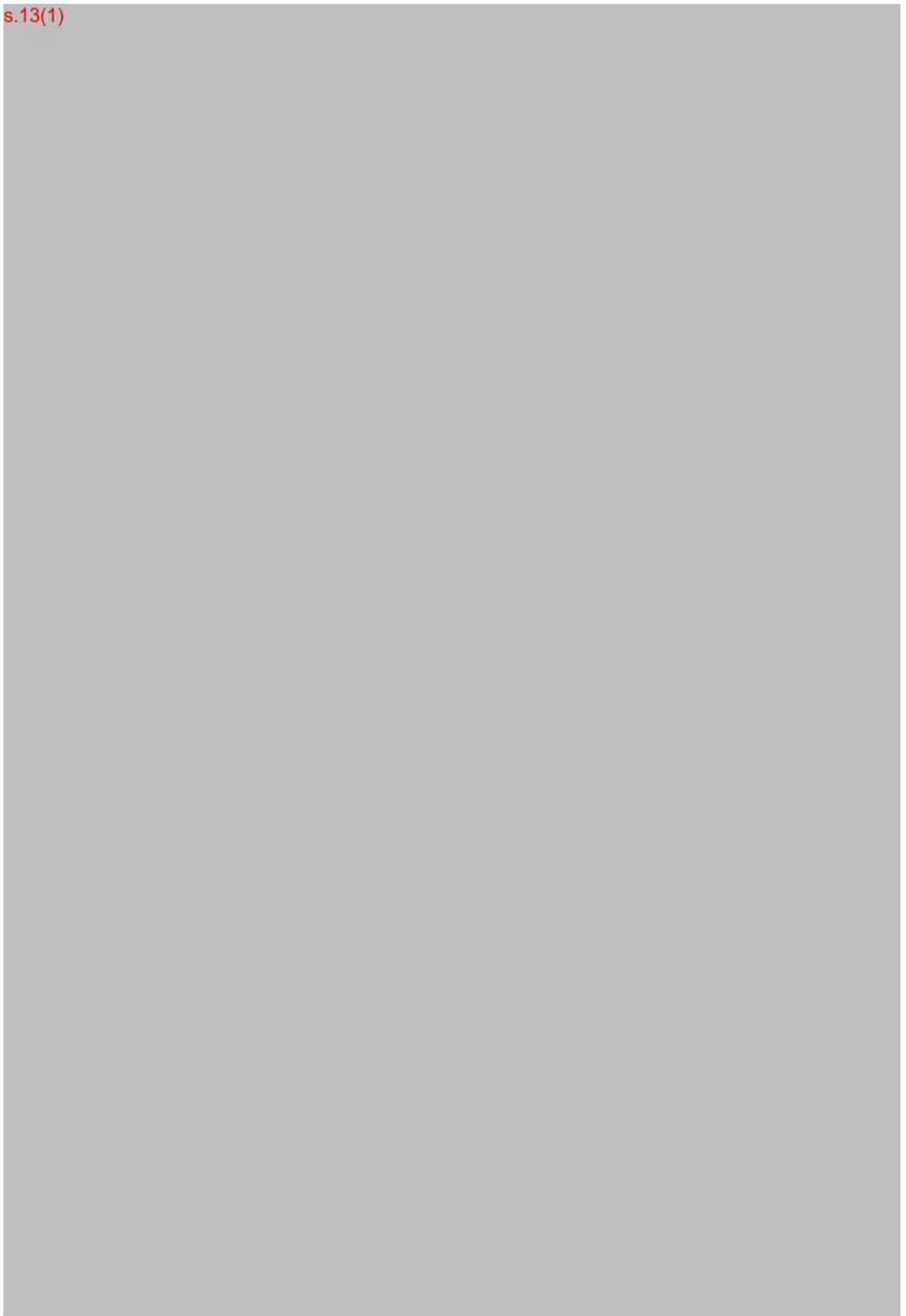
From: Hill, Jen
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 3:12 PM
To: Penney, Tina <Tina.Penney@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Question on a Council motion

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From: Penney, Tina <Tina.Penney@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 3:09 PM
To: Hill, Jen <Jen.Hill@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Question on a Council motion

Yes for sure the draft version wouldn't go past my desk, much appreciated.

Thanks, Jen
-Tina P.

From: Hill, Jen <Jen.Hill@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 3:06 PM
To: Penney, Tina <Tina.Penney@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Question on a Council motion

Absolutely happy to stay connected on this – and will definitely share the final version of the brief. I am happy to share the draft version as an FYI but would ask that it stays on your desk for now.

Jen Hill M.A.

she/her | Manager, Issues & Media
City of Vancouver

From: Penney, Tina <Tina.Penney@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 2:54 PM
To: Hill, Jen <Jen.Hill@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Question on a Council motion

This is helpful Jen and we should stay synchronized.

As for timing, I am going to begin the assignment now, given the recent attention it has received. I will also be connecting in with I.T. I'll solidify a date range once I've pulled together an outline and scope.

It would be helpful for you to share your Issues Brief along with changes related to how the City uses X. Once the Mayor-Council package brief is finalized, that will also be helpful and likely necessary for synchronization.

As per the motion, Clerks need to address the specific 3-prong questions related directly to the Council Meeting source for communication out to the public.

Let me know if you wish to discuss any further at this juncture.

Best,
-Tina P.

Tina Penney (she/her)
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To: Penney, Tina <Tina.Penney@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Question on a Council motion

Hi Tina,
Thanks for connecting back. We have created an Issues Brief about the use of X (formerly Twitter) and changes to how we use it (at the City level). A package (brief) for M&C is being reviewed internally and will be sent, via Maria, to the City Manager for dissemination (likely today but not confirmed).

Alongside this, we are also prepping key messages in advance of the staff response to [Cllr Fry's Members Motion](#) regarding the City Clerks X account. What I am hoping to get is any indication on when staff will be bringing their recommendations/findings to Council, so we know when to be ready for any media questions.

Any insight would be helpful.

Cheers,
Jen

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City of Vancouver

From: Penney, Tina <Tina.Penney@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:31 AM
To: Hill, Jen <Jen.Hill@vancouver.ca>; Pavone, Connie <connie.pavone@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Question on a Council motion

Thanks Connie for connecting Jen and me.

Hi Jen, nice to e-meet you. No rush on my end, and look forward to reviewing.

Best,
-Tina P.

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From: Hill, Jen <Jen.Hill@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:57 AM
To: Pavone, Connie <connie.pavone@vancouver.ca>
Cc: Penney, Tina <Tina.Penney@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: Question on a Council motion

Thank you Connie, much appreciated.
Tina - I am just offsite at a meeting. I'll connect back when I'm at my desk.

Thank you,
Jen

Jen Hill

Manager Communications, Media & Issues

City of Vancouver

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From: Pavone, Connie <connie.pavone@vancouver.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:45:23 AM

To: Hill, Jen <Jen.Hill@vancouver.ca>

Cc: Penney, Tina <Tina.Penney@vancouver.ca>

Subject: Question on a Council motion

Hi Jen,

Tina Penney is overseeing this piece of work for Clerks. Please connect with her for further details. Thanks!

Connie

From: Hill, Jen <Jen.Hill@vancouver.ca>

Sent: Friday, January 09, 2026 3:07 PM

To: Pavone, Connie <connie.pavone@vancouver.ca>

Subject: Question on a Council motion

Hi Connie,

I am not sure you are the right person to ask, but suspect you might be able to set me in the right direction if not.

Do you know when staff will be coming back to Council with info regarding [Clerks use of X](#)?

In CEC we have restructured our use of X for the City, and it would be helpful to know where this topic is for you, staff and M&C.

Happy to chat if you need/ want more context.

Jen

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From: [Freek, Chris](#)
To: [Hill, Jen](#)
Subject: RE: Follow-Up: CoV X Migration and Social Media Scan
Date: Friday, January 9, 2026 3:30:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks Jen

Chris Freek

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From: Hill, Jen <Jen.Hill@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 3:23 PM
To: Freek, Chris <Chris.Freek@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Follow-Up: CoV X Migration and Social Media Scan

Hi Chris,
I wanted to provide a quick update on two ongoing topics:

1. CoV X Migration

As we discussed in our 1:1, socializing this with Mayor and Council remains on hold until Cllr Fry's motion is resolved. However, I want to flag that there has been an escalation in government and public interest regarding public organizations moving off the platform. This may trigger additional inquiries from M&C. Recent developments:

- The UK is considering a possible ban of X in Britain (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/uk-x-elon-musk-grok-ai-sexualized-images-fake-nudes-starmer/>).
- Democratic U.S. senators are calling on Apple and Google to remove X and its AI chatbot Grok from their app stores (<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/democratic-senators-demand-apple-google-take-x-grok-off-app-stores-over-sexual-2026-01-09/>).

Risk Assessment:

- **Reputational Risk:** This increased scrutiny of X could lead to further questions about why CoV continues to maintain an official presence on the platform.
- **Political Sensitivity:** If other jurisdictions move to ban or restrict X, Mayor and Council may face pressure to act quickly, creating urgency for a clear position.
- **Operational Impact:** Without knowledge of our current approach, M&C may request we exit X entirely without a transition plan. This could disrupt communications and emergency messaging workflows.

I'll continue monitoring this closely and will flag any developments that could impact our approach or trigger questions from Mayor and Council.

2. Daily Social Media Scan Update

Rowena has incorporated all feedback and created two updated format options:

- **Option 1:** Email format similar to the current scan.
- **Option 2:** Canva mock-up template, optimized for mobile viewing.

The media team will review and let these sit over the weekend. Rowena will make final adjustments on Monday, and we'll share with you before presenting to Maria.

Best,
Jen

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To: ["Pangilinan, Jhoanna" <Jhoanna.Pangilinan@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Jhoanna.Pangilinan@vancouver.ca)
Date: 12/1/2025 4:40:00 PM
Subject: Final motion 2 of 3
Attachments: Cllr Fry - Breaking up with the X - December 10 2025.docx

Breaking up with the X: Equitable access for real-time council agenda and speaker updates

For December 10

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Submitted by Councillor Fry

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6. Recent controversies involving Grok, X.com's AI chatbot, producing antisemitic and extremist outputs, misidentifying public figures and misrepresenting factual information raises reputational and ethical concerns for public institutions using the platform ^{2 3 4}.
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8. Numerous opensource and third-party APIs exist to provide micro-blogging that can be embedded on the official city website either as server side or client side integrated solution: including RSS and XML feeds, JavaScript widgets, and/or government-grade meeting management platforms to integrate micro-blogging real time updates.

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⁴ Human Rights Watch, Dec 20, 2024 | Brazil Bans X from Using Children to Power Its AI
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

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FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back on designating its official website and council meeting portal as the primary source for all real-time online updates, agendas, and speaker lists.

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To: "Nick Poppell" <nick.poppell@vangreens.ca>
"Veronika Kurz" <veronika.kurz@vangreens.ca>
Date: 12/3/2025 5:26:00 PM
Subject: Motion: Breaking up with the X: Equitable Access for Real-time Council Agenda and Speaker Updates
Attachments: cfscA6.pdf

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COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

*For consideration at the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on
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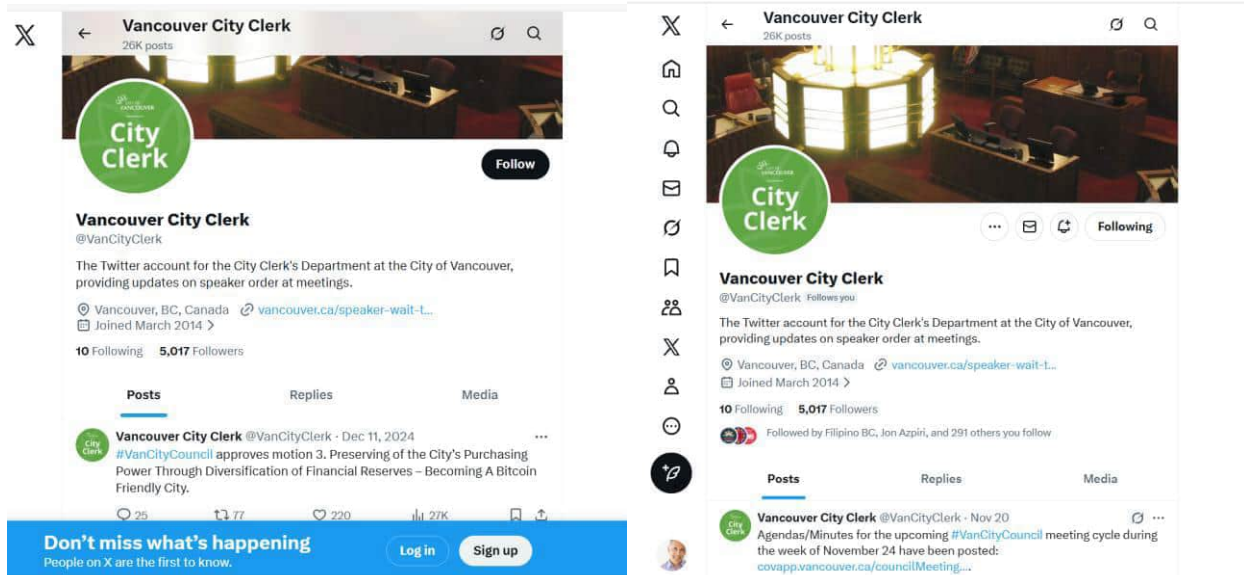
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From: s.22(1)
To: "Fry, Pete" <Pete.Fry@vancouver.ca>
Date: 12/12/2025 3:07:19 PM
Subject: Options for micro-blogging

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Report Suspicious

Dear Councillor Fry

I note with pleasure that the City is looking at relying less on Mr Musk's offering. I had 45K followers there s.22(1) before I declined back in 2022 to participate further. I'm on Bluesky but it seems to be slowing down and I'm not optimistic about their business model. My main social-media home, with 20K followers, is on the Fediverse.

I am an Internet pioneer s.22(1) and long-time Vancouver resident who has been devoting a lot of time and work to next-generation social media in recent years. s.22(1)

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Unfortunately, social-media services seem all to go downhill, with time. With one notable exception, email, which has been chugging along for decades. Why does email survive while other offerings don't? Because it's decentralized; nobody can own it or control it or twist its algorithm. It is, to coin a phrase, billionaire-proof. My belief is that decentralization is the key ingredient for a more humane and resilient social-media future.

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I would love to see the City plant its flag on some decentralized-social-media outpost; there are plenty to choose from. As a person with considerable exposure to both the technology and finance/structural options, I would be happy to contribute pro-bono time to help with the city's exploration of this issue.

Cheers, s.22(1)

From: "Nasralla, Cassia" <Cassia.Nasralla@vancouver.ca>
To: "Meiszner, Peter" <Peter.Meiszner@vancouver.ca>
"Council Meeting Amendments - DL" s.15(1)(l)
Date: 12/10/2025 8:48:10 PM
Subject: RE: Amendment report 6

Hello Councillor Meiszner,

Confirming receipt of your amendment for motion 6.

Kind regards,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED A. THAT Council direct staff to explore micro-blogging alternatives in addition to X.com as the sole source for real-time online council agenda and speaker updates, and report back to Council; FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back on designating its official website and council meeting portal as the primary source for all real-time online updates, agendas, and speaker lists.

B. THAT staff develop and publish a public education campaign explaining the transition, emphasizing inclusivity, reliability, and transparency.

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