CITY OF VANCOUVER

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
Access to Information & Privacy Division

File No.: 2026-395

July 3, 2026

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 May 3, 2026 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

> **Record of all communications received or sent by those in the Mayor's Office, including the six specified political staff and Mayor Ken Sim about a temporary plaza at 17th Avenue East and Fraser Street. January 1, 2026 to March 7, 2026.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.15(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 (2026-395); 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

City of Vancouver, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
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Encl. (Response package)

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From: "Doherty, Conor" <Conor.Doherty@vancouver.ca>
To: "Parker, Lisa" <Lisa.Parker@vancouver.ca>
CC: "LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/10/2026 11:32:19 AM
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Ogi Radoicic re. Temporary Plaza

Hi Lisa,

This is great news, and we are very pleased to hear it.

I don't believe we would have any other specific questions to discuss, and we look forward to seeing this work move forward.

Thanks so much,

Conor Doherty *(he/him)* | Operations Manager
Office of the Mayor | City of Vancouver

From: Parker, Lisa <Lisa.Parker@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 8:32 AM
To: Doherty, Conor <Conor.Doherty@vancouver.ca>
Cc: LaClaire, Lon <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Ogi Radoicic re. Temporary Plaza

Good Morning Conor,

As a follow-up on this, staff connected with Ogi Radoicic at Bells and Whistles to learn more about their interests in a plaza, how they imagine the space being activated, and their capacity to be involved in the co-management of the space. Based on this conversation and an early transportation feasibility assessment, we think it's possible to test out a summer pilot plaza in this location.

Next steps include: further site feasibility assessment, in particular discussions with Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services; further discussions with Bells and Whistles about activation of space and co-management of the space; and, notification of immediately adjacent businesses and residents.

I'd suggest we don't need to have a meeting on this unless you'd like to discuss something specific?

Thanks
Lisa

From: Doherty, Conor <Conor.Doherty@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2026 10:10 AM
To: Parker, Lisa <Lisa.Parker@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Ogi Radoicic re. Temporary Plaza

Hi Lisa,

Thank you so much for the update; that all sounds great!

All the best,

Conor

From: Parker, Lisa <Lisa.Parker@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 12:11 PM
To: Doherty, Conor <Conor.Doherty@vancouver.ca>; LaClaire, Lon <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Ogi Radoicic re. Temporary Plaza

Conor,

Thanks for sharing this proposal! We will be reaching out to coordinate a meeting with you, the business owner and myself/Lon on this. The proposal could fit in a few different programs, so I have asked my team to reach out to the owner on Monday (a call is scheduled) to help us understand a bit more, and then when we all meet together, I will have the right info with me. I wanted to share that we have that reach out with the business owner. If you have any concerns on that, please let me know.

I can confirm exactly who to attend for the meeting once I have the information from the Monday conversation.

Have a great weekend
Lisa

From: Doherty, Conor <Conor.Doherty@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 9:05 AM
To: LaClaire, Lon <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Cc: Harvie, Taryn <Taryn.Harvie@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Meeting w/ Ogi Radoicic re. Temporary Plaza

Hi Lon,

Our office has been approached by Ogi Radoicic, the owner of Bells & Whistles at 3296 Fraser Street, about the potential of turning a portion of 17th Avenue adjacent to the restaurant into a temporary plaza during the FIFA World Cup. In addition to the activation potential, Ogi highlighted that a plaza would also address road safety concerns at the intersection. His proposal is attached.

Who would be the appropriate staff in Engineering to discuss this proposal, and when would we be able to potentially schedule a meeting at City Hall next week for a discussion between Ogi, Engineering and the Mayor's Office?

Please let me know how best to proceed!

All the best,

Conor Doherty *(he/him)* | Operations Manager
Office of the Mayor | City of Vancouver

From: "Ogi Radoicic" <ogi@gooseneck.ca>
To: "Doherty, Conor" <Conor.Doherty@vancouver.ca>
Date: 1/27/2026 2:33:53 PM
Subject: 17th and Fraser Parklet
Attachments: Fraser and 17th Parklet.docx

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Hi Conor,

Thanks again for taking the time today to chat. Please see the little one-pager I put together attached.

Cheers,

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I gratefully acknowledge my location as a settler on the beautiful unceded, unsurrendered ancestral Coast Salish traditional territory and give thanks to the Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo, Tsawwassen, Kwikwitlem, Katzie, Shishálh and Qayqayt Nations for allowing me to live, work and play on this land.

Fraser and 17th Parklet

City of Vancouver collision and traffic-safety data consistently shows that intersections on major arterials like Fraser Street experience higher rates of conflicts between vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists. The east leg of East 17th Avenue at Fraser functions primarily as a short local access street rather than a key through-route, yet it is directly affected by the high traffic volumes and complex turning movements on Fraser Street.

In addition, local traffic patterns contribute to unsafe conditions. Drivers traveling eastbound along East 16th Avenue frequently divert and use East 17th Avenue as an informal arterial to reach Kingsway. This results in higher-than-appropriate traffic volumes, speeding, and erratic or aggressive manoeuvres as drivers attempt to bypass congestion on designated arterials. These behaviours significantly increase risk at the Fraser Street intersection and undermine safety for people walking, cycling, and accessing nearby businesses.

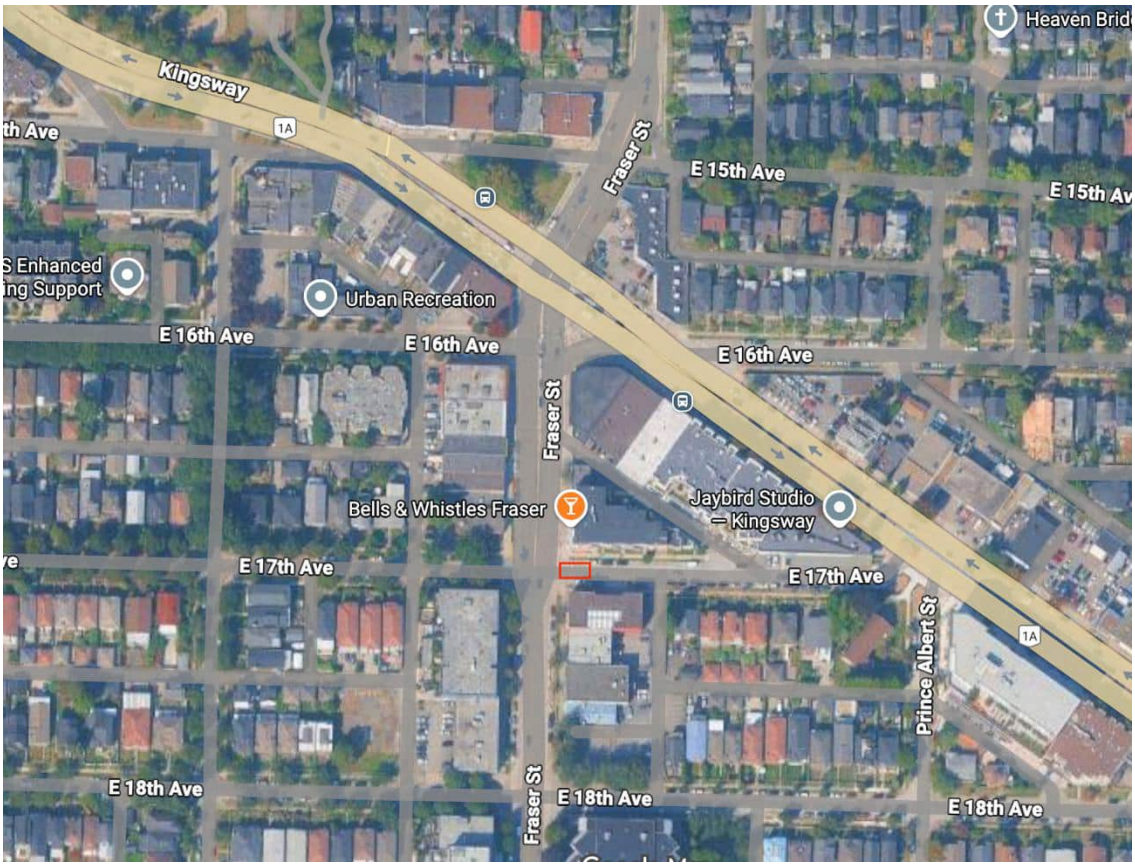
There is also clear on-the-ground evidence of a high frequency of collisions at this location. Vehicle accidents have been observed regularly at the intersection, including incidents occurring as early as the opening day of Bells and Whistles. This pattern reinforces concerns identified in City collision data and highlights the immediate need for intervention to reduce conflict and improve safety.

Closing the east side of 17th to vehicle traffic would remove a low-value cut-through route, reduce dangerous turning and shortcut movements, and shorten pedestrian crossing distances. This approach aligns with the City's Vision Zero framework by addressing both collision risk and driver behaviour, not just traffic volume.

From a place-making perspective, the east side of 17th already supports strong pedestrian activity from nearby shops, transit users, and residents. Converting this space into a parklet would reclaim roadway space for public use, improve visibility and sightlines at the intersection, calm traffic, and reinforce the street's role as a local, people-focused place rather than a shortcut for through traffic.

The upcoming FIFA World Cup presents a timely and high-profile opportunity to implement this change for added community benefit. With increased pedestrian activity, visitor presence, and demand for safe, welcoming public spaces, a parklet at the east side of East 17th Avenue and Fraser Street would support crowd management, safety, and local economic activity during the event period. More importantly, it would serve as a low-cost, quick-build pilot aligned with the City's approach to testing public-realm improvements during major events, allowing real-time evaluation of safety, traffic impacts, and community use while creating a lasting local legacy beyond the tournament itself.

Surrounding Neighbourhood



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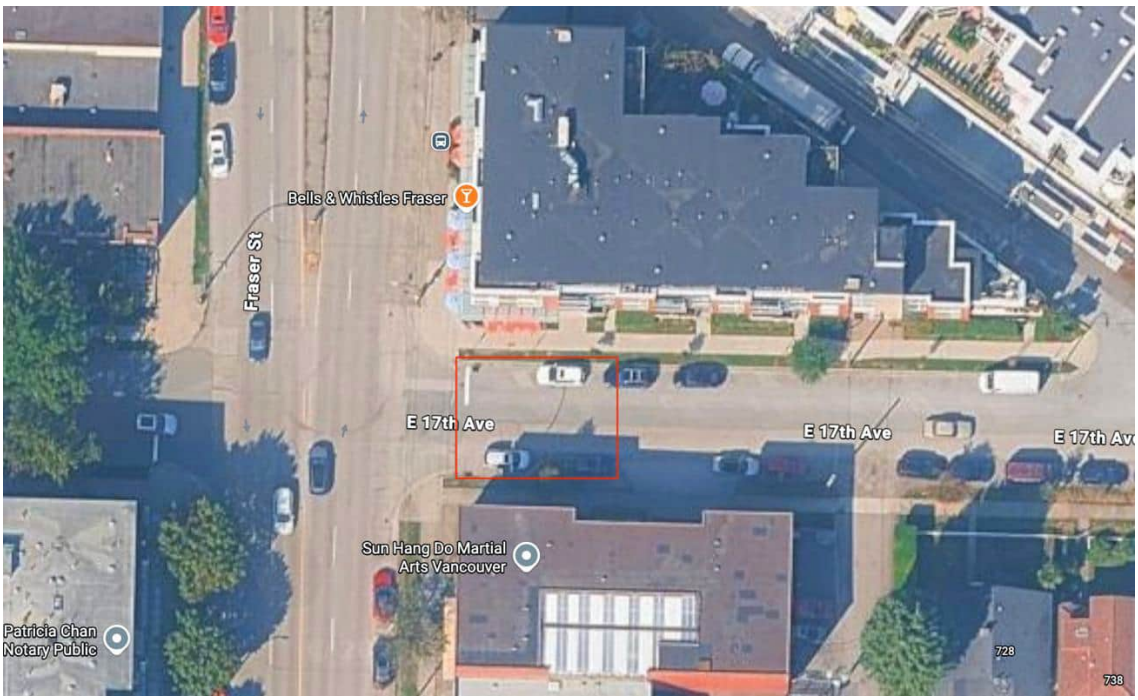

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CC: "City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL" s.15(1)(l) @vancouver.ca>
"LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/6/2026 12:15:19 PM
Subject: Memo - Neighbourhood Plazas Update
Attachments: Memo - Neighbourhood Plazas Update.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Permanent plaza upgrades are on track for spring 2026, with construction complete or nearing completion at all five sites in advance of FIFA World Cup 26™, and coordinated efforts underway with local partners to minimize impacts and prepare for reopening communications.
- Two 2025 pilot plazas (3rd & Main; Kitchener & Commercial) will transition to ongoing neighbourhood plazas, based on strong partner support and positive public feedback, while the 50th & Main pilot will be extended to fall 2026 to allow further stewardship development, programming improvements, and assessment of long\u8209 -term community support.
- Four new pilot plazas are being advanced for 2026, with implementation details being finalized in collaboration with BIAs and community partners, alongside continued work to strengthen stewardship, address operational issues proactively, and keep plazas vibrant, inclusive community spaces.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca

Thanks, DvD

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

CITY OF VANCOUVER

ENGINEERING SERVICES
Lon LaClaire, M.Eng., P.Eng.
City Engineer/General Manager

MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Donny van Dyk, City Manager
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager
Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager
Chris Freek, Director of Civic Engagement & Communications
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Teresa Jong, Administrative Services Manager, City Manager's Office
Mellisa Morphy, Director of Policy, Mayor's Office
Trevor Ford, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Plazas Update

RTS #: N/A

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the Neighbourhood Plazas program and current pilot initiatives.

Background

In partnership with Business Improvement Associations (BIAs), local businesses and community organizations, the City manages 30 neighbourhood plazas across the city. These plazas support public life in neighbourhoods by providing space for gathering, outdoor dining, small events and markets, and cultural expression and community activities.

Current Work

Upgrades Underway to Permanent Neighbourhood Plazas
As shared in 2025, staff are advancing upgrades at five neighbourhood plazas to support their transition to permanent public spaces. Upgrades include electrical and water, paving treatments, fixed seating, green infrastructure, trees and landscaping. Construction on all plazas is complete or nearing completion this spring, in advance of the FIFA World Cup 26™:

- Bute Street at Robson Street, *completed December 2025*
- 14th Avenue at Granville Street
- 14th Avenue at Main Street
- 18th Avenue at Cambie Street
- Kamloops Street at Hastings Street

Staff are working closely with local businesses and area partners to minimize construction-related impacts and support continued access. Further updates and communications plans regarding the plaza reopenings will be shared with Council this spring.

2025 Pilot Plazas Update

In response to interest from businesses, community organizations and BIAs, three new pilot plazas were implemented in summer 2025:

- 3rd Avenue at Main Street – in partnership with Ethos Lab
- 50th Avenue at Main Street – in partnership with Punjabi Market Collective
- Kitchener Street at Commercial Drive – in partnership with Livia Forno e Vino and Commercial Drive Business Improvement Association

Throughout summer and fall 2025, staff monitored the plazas, conducted public surveys (1,135 responses in total) and engaged plaza partners, adjacent businesses, residents, and the broader community through online and in-person meetings.

Summary of key findings from monitoring and engagement:

- 3rd Avenue at Main Street: This youth-led plaza supports the City's Anti-Black Cultural Redress work and has strong partner support. Public response has been positive overall, particularly regarding the creation of gathering space, with some concerns related to noise and traffic impacts.
- Kitchener Street and Commercial Drive: This plaza supports the Grandview-Woodland Community Plan and has strong partner support. Public feedback was very positive and highlighted interest in additional programming that reflects neighbours' interests, increased cleaning and minimizing noise impacts to residents.
- 50th Avenue at Main Street: This plaza provides an intergenerational gathering space in South Vancouver and supports the City's South Asian Cultural Redress work. Public feedback was supportive but mixed and highlighted interest in additional programming, culturally appropriate furniture, and expanded partnerships, as well as concerns related to parking and traffic impacts.

Based on this analysis and feedback, staff will transition the 3rd Avenue at Main Street and Kitchener Street at Commercial Drive pilots to ongoing neighbourhood plazas. Ongoing plazas will receive upgrades over time to enhance the space and incorporate more fixed features.

The pilot of the plaza at 50th Avenue at Main Street will be extended through to fall 2026. The long-term viability of this public gathering space will depend on the establishment of a new stewardship partnership, the success of additional improvements and programming support, and whether there is general community support for the plaza.

New Pilot Plazas in 2026

Building on interest from businesses, BIAs, and community organizations, staff are currently advancing new pilot plazas for 2026:

- 17th Avenue at Fraser Street
- 27th Avenue at Dunbar Street
- 27th Avenue at Main Street
- Woodland Drive Pedestrian Bridge

Implementation timing and other details are being determined in collaboration with community partners.

Next Steps

Staff will continue working with partners to strengthen stewardship, keep plazas vibrant and active community spaces, respond proactively to issues and implement ongoing improvements.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

s.15(1), s.22(1)

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Date: 1/28/2026 9:06:19 AM
Subject: RE: 17th and Fraser Parklet

Hi Ogi,

Thanks again for the call, and for sharing. I have reached out to Engineering and will let you know when a meeting can be scheduled.

All the best,

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CC: "LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Date: 1/28/2026 10:51:43 AM
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Ogi Radoicic re. Temporary Plaza

Hi Taryn,

Thanks so much.

Best,

Conor

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Hi Conor,

Acknowledging receipt of this request. We will determine which ENG staff can take this meeting, and can get back to you with next steps for getting something scheduled.

Taryn

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