

File No.: 2026-441

June 26, 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 May 14, 2026 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Records held by the Office of the Mayor and Office of Communications/Media Relations (or an office with a similar function but different name) related to the creation and release of Mayor Ken Sim's statement of May 13, 2026, regarding his use of AI to conduct City business. For certainty, the statement referred to is linked here: <https://x.com/i/status/2054619760332284002>. Date range: May 11, 2026 to May 13, 2026.

All responsive records are attached.

Please note that staff in Civic Engagement and Communications have confirmed they were not involved in the matter and have no responsive records.

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 (2026-441); 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]

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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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There has been some misinformation and speculation regarding my comments about using AI, so I want to be absolutely clear about the facts.

Any AI agents or tools I have experimented with were used strictly in a personal capacity. They were never used on City of Vancouver hardware, never connected to City networks, never used for City business, and never provided access to any City information or data. They were also not used on City premises, including at City Hall.

These tools all reside on my personal dedicated computer that has never been connected to City systems or brought into City Hall.

Like many people, I have experimented with and explored AI technology for personal productivity and learning. This includes scanning the news, tracking global and financial events, following thought leaders, dietary planning, exercise tracking, and other personal examples like those.

So, to be clear, at no point were these tools used to make City decisions, access confidential information, or conduct municipal business.

As Mayor, I take privacy, security, and public trust very seriously. Vancouver residents should know there is a clear separation between my own personal experimentation with emerging technology and the work of the City.

It's clear that those spreading misinformation and speculation could discourage investment in Vancouver's growing technology sector. Vancouver is home to a vibrant innovation economy, and our local companies are helping lead the world in AI and data centre development. We should be supporting that growth, not undermining it.

I encourage everyone to stay curious about how the world is changing and to keep learning new skills or exploring new interests. For me, exploring AI has been one of those interests.