February 6, 2018

Re: Request for access to information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Application Number 18 01 08

On January 4, 2018, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following:

Land value/land asset figures for properties that make up the sum $44,432,000 on page 72, Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets, of the 2016 Annual Financial Report.

A list of land value/land asset figures for properties in support of your request does not exist. Accordingly, your request for access is refused under section 12(1)(c)(i) of the Act.

12(1) In a response under section 11, the head of the public body shall inform the applicant (c) if access to the record or part of the record is refused, (i) in the case of a record that does not exist or cannot be located, that the record does not exist or cannot be located

The following is a rough breakdown of the values that make up “Additions during the year” (i.e. $44,432,000):

- Lands to be expropriated account for nearly $33,000,000 of the total additions; these are estimated values grouped by project (i.e. Rapid Transit - phase 1).
- Changes in net additions to the Land Operating Reserve (i.e. land the City owns) account for $7,500,000.
- Additions to land through capital projects account for $4,100,000; these are the costs associated with land acquisition like purchase price, legal fees, etc.).

While the data comprising the “Additions during the year” is recorded, it is not aggregated in one list by property, as requested. The accounting processes aggregate and consolidate land additions from numerous sources supporting this accounting disclosure in the City’s consolidated financial statements. These financial statements have also been audited. Creating a single list of the information by property would require the creation of a new record by compiling the data from a variety of records within three City departments (Corporate Finance, Transit and Planning, Property and Development), which is beyond the purpose of the Act.

Section 59(1) of the Act provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to the Manitoba Ombudsman (Mail: 750-500 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1; Telephone 204-982-9130 or 1-800-665-0531).
If you have any questions, please call me at (204) 986-3141.

Sincerely,

Denise Jones
Access and Privacy Coordinator