April 4, 2018

Re: Request for access to information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Application Number 18 03 267

On March 8, 2018, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following:

All emails between the offices of Mayor Brian Bowman and Councillor Russ Wyatt between December 2017 and February 2018.

Your request for access has been granted in part, with severing, under the following exceptions to disclosure in the Act:

17(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's privacy.

Section 17(1) is a general, mandatory exception meant to protect third party privacy. It is used together with section 17(3)(e), which is more specific:

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As required by section 7(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with section 14(1)(a) of the Act, a copy of the responsive records is enclosed.

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
Hi Marty:

Any news on the broken down Soda Washer for the Graffiti Clean up staff?

Please advise

Thanks. Russ

PS. The graffiti is still on the Container from Centre Venture at the Public Safety building site

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From: Wyatt, Russ
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Ruta, Mike (Finance); Holsten Boyer, Betty
Cc: CLK-Council; Wardrop, Dave; Jack, Michael; Fernandes, Cindy; Kiernan, John; Ewankiw, Greg; Domke, Dave; Chambers, Mel; Lane, John; Smyth, Danny; Wiltshire, Felicia; Geer, Moira; Patton, Geoffrey; Kachur, Richard; Fuirh, Jason

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From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

Wyatt, Russ
Thursday, December 07, 2017 10:57 AM
Stotski, Jeannine; Fernandes, Cindy; Fith, Jason
Kiernan, John; Browaty, Jeff; Lukes, Janice; Dobson, Shawn; Eadie, Ross; Schreyer, Jason; Sharma, Devi (Councillor); Wyatt, Russ
FW: City of Winnipeg News Release – City awards renovation grants to eight community centres

Mr. Fith, Ms. Stotski and Ms Fernandes:

Why do we learn this via a media announcement?

This is a council approved policy. In the past the Mayor’s office used to exercise the courtesy of informing members of Council in advance.

Please advise why this is not the case or practice now?

Russ

From: City-MediaInquiry
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 10:20 AM
Subject: City of Winnipeg News Release – City awards renovation grants to eight community centres

For Immediate Release
Thursday, December 7, 2017

City awards renovation grants to eight community centres

Winnipeg, MB – Mayor Brian Bowman announced today that eight City-owned community centres will receive funding for renovations.

The Community Centre Renovation Grant (CCRG) Program received and approved eight applications from the Fall 2017 intake period for a combined total of $296,191 in grant funding. Since the program’s inception, the City has invested $5,172,566 into 129 different community centre applications for renovations across the city.

“Community centres are important meeting places for sports and events in our community,” said Mayor Brian Bowman. “I’m pleased to see continued support of our community centres through the
City of Winnipeg's Community Centre Renovation Grant. This grant will assist in making important improvements and upgrades so community centres across Winnipeg can continue to be key gathering places now and into the future.

The Community Centres receiving grants are:

- Archwood
- Riverview
- Westdale
- Maples
- South Transcona
- Winakwa
- Red River
- St. Norbert

The CCRG Program was adopted by Council in 2012. The program ensures that City-owned, board-run community centres can access the much-needed assistance required to complete facility repairs and allow them the ability to set programming priorities.

The program provides up to $965,000 in total annual funding for community centres to access in support of repairs, upgrades, retrofits, safety improvements and renovation projects. Each community centre applicant is eligible for 100 per cent support of project costs to a maximum of $50,000 per project per calendar year.

The program has two intake periods each year: spring intake in March and fall intake in October. Fall 2017 is the twelfth application period for the program.

Information regarding the CCRG Program, including how community centres can apply, can be found at City of Winnipeg – Community Centres.

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Fuith, Jason

From: Wyatt, Russ  
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 10:48 AM  
To: Bowman, Brian  
Cc: CLK Council; Fuith, Jason; McNeil,Doug; Ruta, Mike (Finance); Wardrop, Dave; Kachur, Richard; Mansky, Bryan; Jack, Michael  
Subject: Building Canada and The City

Dear Brian:

In a conversation yesterday afternoon with a prominent private citizen, it was stated to me that your office had secured funding for the William Clement Parkway Extension Project via the federal Building Canada Program, and that you had done this in the first half of this year or earlier. Furthermore it was stated to me that the reason this announcement wasn’t made was because of the Sterling Lyon Parkway alignment, specifically the so-called 4th option. But that the announcement of the project would be made at a later date once that was sorted out.

This private citizen obtained this information by speaking directly with Mr Jim Carr.

Could you confirm this. Is all or part of this correct? I hope not. This is concerning as you have said over and over that you knew nothing of the so-called 4th option alignment for Sterling Lyon Parkway.

Even more concerning is you reached out to members of Council, in July, to secure a unanimous vote on Council for the $184 million “accelerated” regional roads program to fix our existing regional streets, via the very same Building Canada program. As you are well aware, our existing regional roads are crumbling badly and this $184 million announcement, in its entirety, is required urgently (Ideally we really need double that amount, as it is over 6 years and barely makes a dent into our growing existing infrastructure crisis). We don’t need this Regional Roads Program negotiated away or watered down just to secure another project for South West Winnipeg. If it has been reduced in anyway, it would become clear that this was not a sincere initiative by your office.

Also, I would like to request what other projects have been already negotiated for the City regarding the Building Canada program (that has the March 31, 2018 deadline) with the Federal Government and/or with the Provincial Government? (My guess is that you want to make some big infrastructure announcements in early 2018).

As you are aware, the Mayor and his office is fully responsible for all matters of Intergovernmental Affairs for the City, so I trust my response to my questions will come from you or someone on behalf of yourself.

As you know there is just over $500 million left in Building Canada for all of Manitoba and that has to be earmarked by March 31, 2018.

Please advise. I would like some clarity on this matter.

Thanks. Russ

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Happy Holidays!
Lorentz, Dana

From: Wyatt, Russ
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 10:38 AM
To: Wardrop, Dave; Ewankiw, Greg
Cc: CLK-Council
Subject: Re: Web - And Terrible Transit Services

Thank you for your email.

I am forwarding it to the head of Transit and his boss.

The budget the Mayor recently delivered not only increases fares, but has an aggressive policy of vacancy management (don’t hire for vacant positions) and by cutting our cash to capital program, he is undermining the transit service.

The example of not cleaning the buses is a cut back that he quietly made without informing Council.

This budget he brought and forced through council has zero vision and only gets us through 2018. Transit is going to hit a massive wall as he budgeted nothing for the projected need for new buses and service costs with the coming SW Transit opening in 2019/2020. This means “he will continue to steal from Peter to pay Paul”, reducing services and service quality elsewhere so as to ensure a minimal level of service on the SW Rapid Transit Corridor. After that, due to the cuts of cash to capital our city budget and his poor budgeting practices, the future Council will be facing massive service cuts or/and big tax increases and fee increases (transit fare too) thanks to the shortsightedness of Mayor Brian Bowman.

Thanks again for your email.

Russ

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On Dec 23, 2017, at 9:08 AM wrote:

The following message was submitted using a Winnipeg.ca email contact form. The validity of the identity of the sender or the information provided cannot be guaranteed.

Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 9:08:30 AM
Name: 
Email Address: 
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Referring URL: http://winnipeg.ca/council/transcona.stm
Subject: Web - Other - Transit
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Lorentz, Dana

From: Wyatt, Russ  
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 5:00 PM  
To: Lukes, Janice  
City Councillor, South Winnipeg  
St Norbert; CLK Council  
Subject: RE: CAO  

Importance: High

I'd be prepared to have the special meeting tomorrow.

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From: Lukes, Janice  
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 4:25 PM  
To: CLK-Council  

Subject: CAO

Good afternoon Members of Council

Might I remind you of the facts:

- We've received incomplete responses from the CAO regarding questions asked following the Council Seminar.
- At this point in time no audit has been called—not even a draft motion has been circulated for an audit.
- Four senior engineers have left the City
- The CAO admitted he did not read the Confidential Briefing Note—(only 11 have been issued this year)
- The former Director of Public Works—refutes the CAO’s comments—both are engineers
- Clearly there is a difference of opinions for the two engineers—both who must adhere to the Code of Ethics [http://www.apegm.mb.ca/pdf/ethics00.pdf]
- While the CAO’s performance review is pending—there are no clear facts to base performance on and any performance review would not be meaningful in light of the recent allegations.
- No audit has been called—no draft has been presented—IF and when one is called for—I anticipate the turnaround timeline will be 90+ days at a minimum.
Pursuant to Section 79(1)(b) of the City of Winnipeg Charter, it takes 9 Councillors to call a special meeting of Council to suspend the CAO for 30 days. I believe many more answers to questions can be reached in 30 days.

- The public, and many Councillors have lost confidence in the CAO. I believe it is prudent to suspend the CAO for 30 days to seek additional answers.
- There is no appetite from any Councillors I’ve spoken with to participate in a special meeting over the holidays.
- In the new year, I will be calling for a meeting for Friday January 5 and seeking 9 signatures.

Happy Holidays – let’s hope 2018 shines brighter lights on this Council and its activities.

Janice

Stay current on South Winnipeg-St. Norbert Ward activities, and subscribe to our monthly E-Newsletter!

Kind regards,

Janice Lukes
City Councillor, South Winnipeg St Norbert Ward  www.JaniceLukes.ca
Co-Chair, Partnership Manitoba Capital Region (2014-Current)
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From: Wyatt, Russ  
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:34 AM  
To: Lemoine, Marc; Kachur, Richard; Sharma, Devi (Councillor)  
Cc: CLK-Council  
Subject: Names to speak  I will move suspension of the rules. Russ

From: Ajay Chopra [mailto:achopra@ccgrp.ca]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:26 AM  
To: Wyatt, Russ  
Subject: Names

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Lorentz, Dana

From: Wyatt, Russ
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Smith, Braden
Cc: CLK-Council
Subject: Re: Cannabis Presentation.

Hi Braden

Thank you for the update and information.

Pls advise why the working group is NOT working with all members of Council. We are the ones who constantly deal with land use issues as well.

The news of a working group is good. However the fact that the working group is already under way and some Councillors are being kept in the dark once again speaks to the fact that this Mayor and EPC plus 2 is not Transparent and Open. I am therefore assuming you were directed not to consult with and work with ALL Council.

Please advise of who are your identified stakeholders and who are they being consulted

Thanks again for your email

Russ

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On Dec 7, 2017, at 11:59 AM, Smith, Braden <BradenSmith@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Hello Cllr Wyatt,
Thanks for sending me the AMM presentation.
I am part of a Working Group, led by Mike Jack related to Cannabis Legalization at the City. As part of the Working Group, PPD is working on land use regulations that will ultimately be reflected in the Zoning Bylaw. We have a fairly decent handle as to best practices across North America. Of course, based on the information and direction from the Province, we are now working on options for a made in Winnipeg solution. Any proposed changes would follow the normal process of a ZBL amendment.
From: Wyatt, Russ  
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 9:51 AM  
To: Smith, Braden  
Cc: Wyatt, Russ  
Subject: FW: Cannabis Presentation

Russ

What land use restrictions will we have in our zoning bylaw, that surly must be amended as per this attached report?

Please advise asap

Russ Wyatt

From: Legary, Michael (FIN) [mailto:Michael.Legary@gov.mb.ca]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 10:42 AM  
To: Wyatt, Russ  
Cc: Browaty, Jeff; Lukes, Janice; Eadie, Ross; Dobson, Shawn; Schreyer, Jason; Legary, Michael  
Subject: Re: Cannabis Presentation

Hi Russ,

Here is a copy of the presentation from AMM last week.

Thanks!

Mike

From: Wyatt, Russ  
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 10:21 AM  
To: Legary, Michael <MLEgary@winnipeg.ca>  
Cc: Browaty, Jeff <jbrowaty@winnipeg.ca>; Lukes, Janice <JLukes@winnipeg.ca>; Eadie, Ross <readie@winnipeg.ca>; Dobson, Shawn <SDobson@winnipeg.ca>; Schreyer, Jason <JSchreyer@winnipeg.ca>; Wyatt, Russ <RWyatt@winnipeg.ca>  
Subject: Cannabis Presentation

Could you please send me a copy of your presentation made at the AMM convention?

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From: Wyatt, Russ
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 11:16 PM
To: Sutherland, Chody
Cc: CLK Council; Smyth, Danny; info@wpa.mb.ca
Subject: Thank you

Commander Sutherland:

Last Sunday an older women walked out of Park Manor. She is suffering from dementia. And the members of the WPS found her. I called the Chief that day when I heard that she was lost. Shortly thereafter the Chief called me back that 15 cars had been dispatched to find her and that she was now found. The Community was asked to help and many did.

That day I thanked the Chief and would now like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of the service for this great work. Her husband is a friend and a Rotarian. This caused great distress and the quick, resourceful and amazing actions of the members of the Winnipeg Police Service was and is greatly appreciated.

Please pass on my thanks to the members of the service.

Sincerely, Russ

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