September 6, 2018

Re: Request for access to information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Application Number 18 08 693

On August 7, 2018, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following:

Please provide documentation of any communications to or from Jeremy Davis - who works for Mayor Brian Bowman - discussing contracts in connection with Portage and Main from July 30 to August 3.

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

Disclosure harmful to a third party’s privacy
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.

Determining unreasonable invasion of privacy
17(3) In determining under subsection (1) whether a disclosure of personal information not described in subsection (2) would unreasonably invade a third party’s privacy, the head of a public body shall consider all the relevant circumstances including, but not limited to, whether (e) the personal information has been provided, explicitly or implicitly, in confidence;

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 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
"brian bowman"
As-it-happens update - August 5, 2018

NEWS

City unveils package of short-term measures to reduce panhandling
CBC.ca
Winnipeg is rolling out a trio of pilot projects aimed at reducing what Mayor Brian Bowman calls "unsafe panhandling." On Friday, Bowman said the ...

Downtown Winnipeg BIZ, City Partnering on Strategies to Reduce 'Unsafe Panhandling' - ChrisD.ca

Downtown BIZ to help panhandlers find work; city to look at 'low cost' ways to prevent panhandlers ...
Globalnews.ca
... ideas to reduce the number of people asking for money on city boulevards or streets, said Mayor Brian Bowman, who called it "unsafe panhandling."

Mayor, community groups unveil panhandling reduction plan
Winnipeg Free Press
A plan to reduce panhandling unveiled Friday by Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman and community groups is being criticized as sweeping the problem ...

City hits brakes on Portage and Main contract
Winnipeg Free Press
Mayor Brian Bowman told reporters Friday afternoon there were no plans to award a contract on the redesign of Portage and Main before ...

Portage and Main 'no' side wants city to hold off on intersection work - CBC.ca
Full Coverage
**Violent Crime in Winnipeg is "OFF The Chart"**

Manitoba Post

This is the clearest sign yet the priorities of Mayor Brian Bowman and this city council are not the right ones for Winnipeg families," said Maurice ...

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**City holding off on Portage and Main intersection work**

Yahoo News Canada (blog)

On Friday afternoon, Mayor Brian Bowman said that plan is on hold, pending the vote on Oct. 24. On Friday morning, North Kildonan Coun.
Stotski, Jeannine

From: 
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Davis, Jeremy
Subject: Re: Media request

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Got it. Crazy day with a lot of misinformation out there.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2018, at 4:27 PM, Davis, Jeremy <jdavis@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Yes, I saw his tweet and sent the following:

I saw your tweet and wanted to clarify since the Mayor’s “this week” reply in the scrum wasn’t very clear. For clarity, he found out this week about the plans to award the RFP in the coming weeks and after reaching out to the public service today, learned about their decision to put it on hold.

Thanks,

Jeremy

From: 
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 4:20 PM
To: Davis, Jeremy
Subject: Re: Media request

No worries Jeremy.

I see Billeck of the Sun reporting a Bowman spokesman clarified the mayor found out today (not earlier this week) that awarding the contract has been put on hold.

Is that accurate?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2018, at 4:01 PM, Davis, Jeremy <jdavis@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Hey there,

Sorry, I’m catching up on my emails and didn’t see this earlier. Just wanted to apologize for not responding to this. Jonathan is away so I’ve been a bit of a one man marching band.

Jeremy
Thanks for this Jeremy. I'm planning on coming down.

What I'm trying to put together, however, is a short brief on this for noon. The city's media line hasn't responded to our requests for confirmation and I suspect they won't before about 4pm. So I'm trying to confirm there are plans to award a contract in advance of that.

Are you able to confirm what the sun reported? I wouldn't need to name you, I'm just trying to avoid reporting on a report.

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From: Davis, Jeremy <jdavis@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: August 3, 2018 11:20:26 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Media request

Thanks for your email. I'm not sure if you received the Media Advisory for today's event but I've attached it for you, just in case.

Following the event, the Mayor will have comments to make that will address this issue.

Thanks,

Jeremy

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Davis, Jeremy; Hildebrand, Jonathan
Subject: Media request

Hi Jeremy + Jonathan

I'm wondering if someone from the Mayor's office is able to confirm what Brodbeck/The Sun is reporting this morning regarding Portage and Main.

The story says the city is planning on awarding a design contract for re-opening
of the intersection ahead of the upcoming plebiscite during the municipal election.

Thanks,
Stotski, Jeannine

From: City Media Inquiry
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 11:53 AM
To: Driedger, David
Cc: Wiltshire, Felicia; Driedger, David; Hildebrand, Jonathan; Davis, Jeremy; Dryburgh, Matt; Forlanski, Tamara; Qualy, Kalen; Schmidt, Joelle
Subject: Media Inquiry - Portage and Main 17(1)+17(2) Opportunity 587 2018

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Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Driedger, David
Cc: Wiltshire, Felicia; Driedger, David; Hildebrand, Jonathan; Davis, Jeremy; Dryburgh, Matt; Forlanski, Tamara; Qually, Kalen; Schmidt, Joelle
Subject: Media Inquiry Portage and Main [17(1)+17(2)(c)] NO. 614 2018

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From: Councillor Jeff Browaty [mailto:jbrowaty@winnipeg.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 11:13 AM
To: Stotski, Jeannine
Subject: Press Release: BROWATY DEMANDS AWARDING OF $1.5 MILLION CONTRACT ON PORTAGE & MAIN OPENING BE STOPPED, PENDING RESULTS OF OCTOBER 24 BALLOT

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BROWATY DEMANDS AWARDING OF $1.5 MILLION CONTRACT ON PORTAGE & MAIN OPENING BE STOPPED, PENDING RESULTS OF OCTOBER 24 BALLOT QUESTION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 3, 2018

North Kildonan City Councillor Jeff Browaty was alarmed and upset to learn today in The Winnipeg Sun that a public tender, worth $1.5 million to start the work on opening Portage & Main to pedestrian crossings is still planned to be awarded prior to the October 24 ballot question.

"Council took a positive step in supporting the motion Cllr. Lukes and I moved to consult the public with a ballot question on the October 24th ballot," Browaty explained. "To commit to spending $1.5 million while the whole project is up being put to the public, indicates the Mayor has no regard for taxpayer dollars or is failing to give direction to the City’s CAO."

Councillor Browaty, a consistent opponent to the opening of Portage & Main to pedestrian crossings, previously exposed that the City's public service was sitting on a substantially completed traffic study from Dillon Consulting for approximately a year, based on progress payments made and reviews of redacted draft documents. That report was made public, after denied FIPPA requests by Browaty to the City, following a review by the provincial Ombudsman that said the report had to be largely released.

"The former Director of Public Works disappeared from the public service right around the time he questioned the wisdom of the proposed opening," Browaty explained. "The City’s CAO then made public comments about the need to have political acumen in the Director's position. If the CAO had one ounce of common sense or political acumen the awarding of this project would be on hold, pending the results of the vote."

Based on the news that the work is still being awarded, Browaty today called on Mayor Bowman to step in and stop the awarding and to release the names of the firms that submitted bids. Alternately, Browaty suggested the Mayor could hold a special meeting of council to introduce a motion to direct the public service to stop the awarding.

"I can't imagine any member of council supporting the spending of this money while we're waiting for the results of a ballot question in October," Browaty added. "I also believe that the names of the firms that submitted bids should be made public, as they typically are, so that the public knows which groups have a vested interest in seeing a "Yes" outcome on the ballot."
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Thanks,
Stotski, Jeannine

From: City-MediaInquiry
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Driedger, David
Cc: Wiltshire, Felicia; Driedger, David; Hildebrand, Jonathan; Davis, Jeremy; Dryburgh, Matt; Forlanski, Tamara; Qually, Kalen; Schmidt, Joelle
Subject: Media Inquiry Portage and Main Consulting Services

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