July 26, 2016

Dear [Name]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

On June 28, 2016, the City of St. John’s received your request for access to the following records/information:

“Documents and emails related to Friends of Victoria Park (FOVP) (funding, lease, partnership agreements).”

Documents with respect to lease information is privileged under the following sections of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act excerpted below. The City’s legal files deal with the lease negotiations and the incorporation of VP Foundation Inc. This information is privileged as it contains legal advice or opinions.

Policy advice or recommendations

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Legal advice

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You may view the corporate record of VP Foundation Inc in the Registry of Companies, the link for which is below:

https://cado.eservices.gov.nl.ca/Main.aspx

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CITY OF ST. JOHN’S PO BOX 908 ST. JOHN’S NL CANADA A1C 5M2 WWW.STJOHNS.CA
All other information which can be released has been enclosed.

Given the foregoing, we now consider the matter closed. You may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the information, as set out in section 42 of the Act (excerpt of this section below). A request must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your appeal should identify your interest in the information and why you are submitting the appeal.

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The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
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Here is also a link to the entire Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015:

[http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/statutes/a01-2.htm#42](http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/statutes/a01-2.htm#42)

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 576-8202 or by e-mail: ehenley@stjohns.ca.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

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Further to Kevin’s email, we received an Access to Information request yesterday looking for any/all records between City and Friends of Victoria Park.

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Jonathan

Jonathan P. Galgay
Councillor, Ward 2
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I agree with comments from Derek Coffee

Sent from my iPad

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NEW

Lantern Festival cancelled due to construction in Victoria Park

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Lantern Festival usually takes place: July 30.

**Victoria Park in for facelift à la Bowring, Bannerman**

That's because the upgrades being done to Victoria Park have made it impossible to hold all the activities normally featured, such as the signature lantern display. The release states many of the activities at the family fun festival will be the same as Lantern Festival. The board said it hopes to bring back the lantern display — including the signature lantern parade, installations and festival fire show finale — in the future once the revitalization of the park is complete.

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Thanks

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Date: 2015/12/21 04:19 PM
Subject: Re: Victoria Park Trees

Mike, Thank you for your interest. The City of St. John's will be removing the trees in due course. I will however refer the request to Kelly Gaulton, Municipal Arborist, City of St. John's.

It may be possible to divert some of the wood, after staff have it felled, for projects that may benefit the park. It seems that an opportunity exists for the Victoria Park Foundation to access local crafts persons to create articles representative of the area, that an be utilized in soliciting funds.

Kelly will be in touch after the Christmas break.

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Hey Brian,

Hope things are well and you’re gearing up for a great Christmas.

Anyway, Brian I received a call and then an email from [redacted] regarding a tree or couple of trees in Victoria Park that apparently have been marked for removal. [redacted] a local woodcarver from Shea Heights would like to seek permission to remove the tree or trees for use in his woodcarving projects and possibly turning the trees into park benches. I guess contacted me as he knew I was involved with the Friends of Victoria Park.

Brian I don’t know about the logistics of tree removal and what the only process I would be familiar with would be, only that the City would be the only one that could offer approval or disapproval to remove a tree. I guess though the question is if the tree or trees are already identified for removal what would be the process required to allow [redacted] to remove the tree(s) or claim the tree(s) once they have been successfully excavated. I am deferring to your expertise. Is it ok for me to provide [redacted] with your name and number so that he can be provided with direction.

Cheers

Mike
Travis, If the gates need to be unlocked when FOVP patrons are in the building, they will be responsible for unlocking when they arrive and locking when they leave. Parks staff will open and close the gate to coincide with their arrival during the operating months (May - October).

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Please ensure FOVP are aware and the item is included in their lease.

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reply is below.

You can see in the picture below, 2 locked gates.
Good morning Travis.

No problem, you are kindly welcome. With reference to your query, during normal hours of operation, this gate has to be kept in the open position. After hours (closing) gate is permitted to be locked.

Regards,

Mike
Travis Maher

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Subject: Case Notification

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Details are as follows:

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Details: Caller reports that the side door to old main pool house has been open for couple days and there hasn't been any city employees around in couple days. Dispatched to Utility
Caller Name: ANONYMOUS CALLER
Caller Contact Info: Category: Parks-Open Spaces-Trees
Case Type: Parks Maintenance Requests
Case Notification Date: 2016/06/27
Mailed to Role: PW PARK Manager
Mailed to User: Brian Head

Regards,
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You can access the details of this case by clicking on the link below.
Fwd: Victoria Park Pool House

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Dave, please remind staff to lock the door.
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I went down to the building and it does not appear that anything has happened since we were there on June 9. However, I put in a few work orders to get some lights and the male washroom toilets addressed. It appears that the issues were fixed so I will chat with Scott tomorrow to see if and when they may have been in. It appears that some board members do have keys, but as mentioned today, have been waiting for confirmation on when they could use the building. I will be following up with both board and city buildings tomorrow.
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Category: Parks-Open Spaces-Trees
Case Type: Parks Maintenance Requests
Case Notification Date: 2016/06/27
Mailed to Role: PW PARK Manager
Mailed to User: Brian Head

Regards,
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Yes please. And presumably a copy of whatever the public invitation will be so I can recirculate thru' the FOVP network.

Hello Folks

Victoria has confirmed St. Pat's Church Hall for June 24th from 5:00PM to 8:30PM. She suggests that we have a drop in process with no presentation but which allows people to speak one on one with staff.
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K

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Stay tuned,

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Hey [name],

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**Date:** Thu, 28 Jan 2016 17:35:18 -0330
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[Links]
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Mike

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Dennis

Sent from my iPad

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Chair, Community Services
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6. Brian Head Department of Public Works, Parks Division
7. Victoria Etchegary Office of Strategy and Engagement, Strategic Development Division
8. Jason Sinyard Project Manager, Department of Planning, Development and Engineering

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Cc: Susan Bonnell/CSJ@CSJ, Executives
Date: 2016/06/30 12:32 PM
Subject: Fw: Friends of Victoria Park

fyi.... see the email below for the information of Council. This has become a public issue and we will ensure that the City is not unfairly criticized. The facts have been outlined below in my email.

Thanks and let Tanya or myself know if you have any questions.

Kevin.

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Kevin Breen---2016/06/30 09:22:29 AM---no issue from my perspective. Kevin Breen,

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Ron Ellsworth---2016/06/30 07:43:01 AM---From: Ron Ellsworth/CSJ To: Kevin Breen/CSJ@csj, Tanya Haywood/CSJ@csj
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Heather, I want to say that the request for the return of the keys caught me and some members of the FOVP by surprise, especially given that the FOVP has been utilizing the poolhouse almost year round now for many years. I would hope and think that there would be a better solution to this than just a request to return the keys and then look at a more formalized arrangement. I feel that this formalized arrangement could have been drafted, discussed and reviewed without a request for the keys returned.

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to: Tanya Haywood

2016/06/30 01:14 PM

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On Jun 30, 2016, at 8:24 AM, Tanya Haywood <THaywood@stjohns.ca> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Lease Agreement - Victoria Park Poolhouse

understand your frustration we are working to a conclusion

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I'd remove their input on the revitalization of the park. This process already occurred. May give the impression that more engagement is coming.

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Date: June 30, 2016 at 2:04:47 AM NDT
To: "Ron Ellsworth" <rellsworth@stjohns.ca>
Subject: Friends of Victoria Park

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Cheers
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Sent from my iPhone
I sent the article to an old list of Council members. Sorry about that I need to delete that.

----- Forwarded by Kelly Maguire/CSJ on 2016/06/30 02:12 PM -----
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Derek

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Ron Ellsworth 2016/06/30 07:43:01 AM
From: Ron Ellsworth/CSJ To: Kevin Breen/CSJ...
Good Afternoon:

Further to Kevin’s email, we received an Access to Information request yesterday looking for any/all records between City and Friends of Victoria Park.

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From: Kevin Breen/CSJ  
To: Council_group  
Cc: Susan Bonnell/CSJ@CSJ, Executives  
Date: 2016/06/30 12:32 PM  
Subject: Fw: Friends of Victoria Park

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Thanks and let Tanya or myself know if you have any questions.

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