

February 25, 2019

FOI No: 2019-03

VIA E-MAIL – **Redacted**

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Dear **Redacted**

Re: Request for Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The City of White Rock has processed your request for access to the following records pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act)*:

- 1) *the total dollar value cost of all professional costs, legal costs and legal fees paid to Lidstone and Company by the City of White Rock in connection with OIPC F17-72222, White Rock FOI File 2016-147, the FOI Request for Records related to the Councillor Chesney 2016 Censure;*
- 2) *the total dollar value cost of all professional costs, legal costs and legal fees paid to Lidstone and Company by the City of White Rock in connection with OIPC File F17-73066, White Rock File 2017-77, the FOI Request for an Unredacted Copy of the August 28, 2015 EPCOR Asset Purchase Agreement;*
- 3) *the total dollar value cost of all professional costs, legal costs and legal fees paid to Lidstone and Company by the City of White Rock in connection with OIPC File F17-69983, White Rock File 2017-10, the FOI Request for Records Related to the EPCOR Water Utility Purchase Negotiations;*
- 4) *the total dollar value cost of all professional costs, legal costs and legal fees paid to Lidstone and Company by the City of White Rock in connection with Lidstone and Company acting as a resource and assisting Administration Director Tracey Arthur with her Report entitled "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Update" which was presented to Council at its regular December 10, 2018 Council Meeting; and*

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5) *the total dollar value cost of all professional costs, legal costs and legal fees paid to Lidstone and Company by the City of White Rock in connection with Lidstone and Company putting on a FIPPA "workshop" or "seminar" for White Rock Council in December of 2018 which excluded Public observation and participation.*

Although your request does not refer to any specific City records, and the total legal costs for defending specific litigation matters are generally excepted from the disclosure requirements of the Act under [Section 14](#) and solicitor-client privilege at common law, City Council has approved the compilation and public release of the information responsive to items 1), 2), and 3). Please note that this information is provided further to your request, but in providing the information the City is in no way expressly or impliedly waiving privilege or confidentiality over any information or records related to the subject matters.

The information responsive to items 4) and 5) is available.

Here are the summarized totals:

- 1) \$12,129.08
- 2) \$1,106.10
- 3) \$23,681.70
- 4) 1,234.00
- 5) Nil – part of “value added” seminars provided by Lidstone to White Rock

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Ken Overton
Manager, Property, Risk Management, and FOI
604-541-2104

Att.

If you believe that the City of White Rock has been unreasonable in its handling of your request, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review our response. You have 30 days from receipt of this notice to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
3rd Floor, 756 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 1H2

Should you decide to request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

1. your name, address and telephone number;
2. a copy of this letter;
3. a copy of your original request sent to the City of White Rock; and
4. the reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.