

Via email: lochamsarbjot@gmail.com

File: 0580-20/2026-167

August 24, 2026

Sarbjot Singh Locham
11138 80A Avenue
Delta, BC V4C 1Y5

Dear Sarbjot Singh Locham,

Re: *Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act)*

The City of Delta received your request for access to records under the Act on August 19, 2026. You requested copies of the following information:

- “I am requesting access to the following records held by the City of Delta:
 1. The total amount paid or incurred by the City in legal fees and related costs arising from the litigation involving Paramjit Singh Grewal, the City of Delta, and Councilor Dylan Kruger.
 2. Of that amount, the amount attributable specifically to the defense or indemnification of Councilor Kruger, if separately recorded.
 3. The amount of any insurance deductible or self-insured amount paid directly by the City in connection with this matter.
 4. The total amount, if any, paid by the City's insurer in connection with this matter.
 5. The total amount of any settlement or other payment ultimately borne directly by the City in this matter, to the extent such information is not exempt from disclosure.
 6. The total net cost ultimately borne by the City after any insurance reimbursement or coverage, in connection with this matter.

I am requesting only aggregate financial totals. I am not requesting privileged legal advice, litigation strategy, or solicitor-client communications, and I understand that specific line-item legal invoices or communications may be subject to exemption under the Act.

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If any portion of this request is denied, I ask that the City identify the specific section(s) of FIPPA relied upon for each withheld item, in accordance with the Act's requirement to sever and disclose any reasonably severable non-exempt information.

Please confirm receipt of this request and provide the applicable file number.”

Please be advised that with respect to the final result of the lawsuit, the allegations have been resolved, and the litigation has been formally terminated. With respect on costs, the total amount paid to a lawyer or law firm in a given year is releasable pursuant to the *Financial Information Act* and is routinely available via the City's Statement of Financial Information. The total of 2026 will be available once year end accounting processes are complete. For your convenience, please see the table below for 2024 and 2025:

Law Firm	2024	2025	Grand Total
Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang LLP	58,291.30	76,284.84	134,576.14
Fasken Martineau Dumoulin LLP	38,999.80	39,931.94	78,931.74
Grand Total	97,291.10	116,216.78	213,507.88

However, information contained within a legal invoice is not releasable as the details contained in the invoice may either reveal the strategy or the grounds on which a legal case is based, or disclose personal information. In addition, the invoices themselves are considered to be solicitor-client, privileged legal communications; therefore, the City has withheld the invoices under section 14 – legal advice – of the Act. In support of the City's considered response, the City cites orders, 179-1997, 328-1999, and 02-07 from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. These orders provide further reasoning of the legal authority for the City to exercise section 14 and deny to provide access to legal invoices.

Please be advised that there was no insurance claim or involvement with the lawsuit, and as a result, the City has no total amount information available within item 3, 4, and 6 of your request.

All processing fees have been waived in response to your request as the information requested is routinely available.

Should you have any concerns regarding the City's considered response to your request, please contact the Office of the City Clerk prior to initiating a formal review process with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC).

In accordance with section 52 of the Act, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to our response. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this letter to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
P.O. Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9A4
Telephone: 250-387-5629 Fax: 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

1. A copy of your original request for information;
2. Copies of our correspondence with you; and
3. The reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

If you have any questions about this letter please contact FOI@delta.ca. I trust you find this response satisfactory.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Darcus".

Laurie Darcus
Director of Legislative Services/FOI Head

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