April 5, 2023 FOI No: 2023-26

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Email Redacted S. 22

Dear Redacted S. 22

Re: Request for Records

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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

• Fire report for fire that occurred at Nami Restaurant (15169 Roper Ave) on Sunday Jan. 29, 2023.

Access to these records is available. However, some of the information in the records is excepted from the disclosure requirements of the Act. I have severed the excepted information so that I could disclose to you the remaining information as attached.

The severed information is excepted from disclosure under section 22 of the Act. Severing under section 22 is necessary to avoid disclosing third-party personal information without permission.

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

Sincerely,

Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

Att.

Corporate Administration

P: 604.541.2212 | F: 604.541.9348



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.

White Rock Fire Department Incident Report

April 3, 2023 23-008878 Incident Number: Apt/Unit 01/29/2023 10:31:58 Incident Begin Time: 15169 ROPER AVE, WHITE ROCK Incident Address: Incident End Time: 01/29/2023 11:28:50 **Cross Street:** JOHNSTON RD STRUCTURE FIRE - POSSIBLE **Dispatch Type** FPS Fire - Possible Structure **Building Name:** Incident Type: Doug Smith 0 Officer Reporting: Drug Lab: Station Area: White Rock Hall 1 Grow Op: C Shift Shift: Secondary Suite: 0 Incident Commander: Total Injuries: [N False Alarm: 0 **Total Manhours:** 0 Liability Release: Total Manpower: 15 **Bench Marks** Command Established: 01/29/2023 10:39:17 Working Fire: Ambulance on Scene: 1st Search Completed: Police on Scene: 01/29/2023 10:41:52 2nd Search Completed: Police File Number: Loss Stopped: Situation under Control: Property Ref on Scene: Volunteers Paged: 01/29/2023 10:33:59 Post Incident Watch Posted: 01/29/2023 11:13:19 Inspector Paged: **Duty Chief Notified:** Career Callout Initiated: BC Hydro on Scene: FF with Ambulance: Gas Utility on Scene: Fire Commisioner Notified: FF Return to Crew: Tow Truck Notified: Ministry of Environment: **Public Works Notified:** Provincial Hiways Notified: Min. of Forests Notified: Officer/Crew Notes **CA Smith** Notes: E1 responded emerg. Upon arrival nothing was showing, RCMP and business staff were on scene. Command was established. E1 crew found a small fire that staff had extinguished. Further investigation was completed by removing some of the wall and checking for extension.

Some extension had occurred and was extinguished with 1 3/4 charged line.

Fire watch was not required.

Chief Wolfe has contact information from the business and building owner.

Dispatch Notes Time:

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01/29/2023 11:28:50	Transfered from CAD
01/29/2023 11:13:37	command terminated
01/29/2023 11:13:12	e2 fire watch
01/29/2023 10:48:59	*respond
01/29/2023 10:48:57	cmd - further medical calls - SQ1 w resoibd
01/29/2023 10:48:11	4 ff at the hall
01/29/2023 10:40:01	cmd small fire in the kiitchen, fire appears out but will take down part of the wall
01/29/2023 10:38:43	C1 confirms there are ff resonding to the hall
01/29/2023 10:38:23	e1 single story commecial restaurant nothing showing A side
01/29/2023 10:35:10	e1 ack
01/29/2023 10:34:41	dva
01/29/2023 10:34:38	Dispatch viewed Alert details.
01/29/2023 10:34:20	C1 - ack upd and page
01/29/2023 10:34:08	dva
01/29/2023 10:34:04	Dispatch viewed Alert details.
01/29/2023 10:33:51	owner is on site - ygn 778-858-8610
01/29/2023 10:33:27	no one is injured
01/29/2023 10:33:22	RCMP advised
01/29/2023 10:33:21	no customers inside the restraurant
01/29/2023 10:33:15	Dispatch viewed Alert details.
01/29/2023 10:33:12	everyone is out of the structure
01/29/2023 10:33:02	garbage bin inside the restraurant caught on fire// impacted the structure// fire is
01/29/2023 10:32:35	Incident dispatcher Assigned: 00315
01/29/2023 10:32:35	Dispatch acknowledged incident.
01/29/2023 10:32:25	Initial incident type selected 'STR FIRE - POSSIBLE STRUCTURE FIRE -
01/29/2023 10:32:11	Address change from BLANK Address to 15169 ROPER AVE, WHITE ROCK
01/29/2023 10:31:59	Change of mapped location

Apparatus Attending

01/29/2023 10:31:59

Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'

Apparatus	Dispatch Time	On Route Time	Onscene Time	Return Service Time	Return Quarter Time/Date
WR 410	01/29/2023 10:32	:48			01/29/2023 10:34:32
WR Squad 1	01/29/2023 10:32	:531/29/2023 10:48:	58 01/29/2023 10:50	:50 01/29/2023 11:04:53	
WR Engine 1	01/29/2023 10:32	:5031/29/2023 10:34:4	46 01/29/2023 10:36	:29 01/29/2023 11:13:54	
WR Engine 2	01/29/2023 10:32	:5031/29/2023 10:43:	26 01/29/2023 10:43	:27 01/29/2023 11:26:29	

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WR Chief

01/29/2023 10:34:201/29/2023 10:38:25 01/29/2023 10:45:36 01/29/2023 11:28:42

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Paid on Call Recruit Patrick Alexander Paid On Call Firefighter Jacob Amisano Firefighter Bira Bindra William DeBeck Paid On Call Firefighter Cody Dunn Paid On Call Firefighter Paid On Call Firefighter Rob Heath Cole Johnson Paid on Call Recruit Paid on Call Recruit Kristopher Mans Paid On Call Firefighter Spencer McAninch Dave Mossop Firefighter Mike Passas Firefighter

Paid On Call Firefighter Darren Phillips Paid on Call Recruit Adam Rossignol

Captain Doug Smith Deputy Chief Ed Wolfe

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FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

INCIDENT: CWR 2023 01 29 10

15169 ROPER AVE WHITE ROCK

THE CORPORATION OF THE

CITY OF WHITE ROCK

15315 PACIFIC AVENUE, WHITE ROCK, BC V4B 1R1

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

TEL 604.541.2121 FAX 604.541.2120

FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR: CWR 2023 01 29 10

INVESTIGATED BY: FIRE CHIEF ED WOLFE

LOCATION: 15169 ROPER AVE, WHITE ROCK

DATE OF FIRE: JANUARY 29, 2023 TIME FIRE DEPT RECEIVED CALL: 10:31:58

DATE OF INVESTIGATION: JANUARY 29, 2023

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

A. AREA OF ORIGIN: KITCHEN

B. Point of Origin: North wall, east end of Corridor leading into kitchen

C. IGNITING OBJECT: CANNOT BE DETERMINED

D. FORM OF HEAT: CANNOT BE DETERMINED

E. MATERIAL FIRST IGNITED: PLASTIC RECYCLE BIN

F. ACT OR OMISSION: CANNOT BE DETERMINED

OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED: RCMP



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FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR: CWR

BACKGROUND: ON JANUARY 29TH, 2023 AT APPROX. 10:31:58HRS WHITE ROCK FIRE RESCUE WAS DISPATCHED TO A POSSIBLE STRUCTURE FIRE AT 15169 ROPER AVE. WHITE ROCK B.C.

ENGINE ONE ARRIVED ON SCENE AND REPORTED NOTHING SHOWING, RCMP AND BUSINESS STAFF WERE OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. ENGINE ONE ESTABLISHED ROPER COMMAND AND AN ATTACK CREW ENTERED THE STRUCTURE TO INVESTIGATE. THE CREW FOUND EVIDENCE OF A SMALL FIRE LOCATED NEAR THE KITCHEN AREA THAT STAFF HAD EXTINGUISHED PRIOR TO FIRE DEPT. ARRIVAL. THE CREW UTILIZED A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA AND REMOVED ADDITIONAL DRYWALL NEAR THE POINT OF ORIGIN CHECKING FOR POSSIBLE FIRE EXTENSION INTO THE STRUCTURE. SOME EXTENSION WAS LOCATED AND EXTINGUISHED WITH AN 1 3/4 FIRE ATTACK LINE APPLYING MINIMAL WATER AS NECESSARY.

STRUCTURE: 15169 ROPER IS A 1464 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL SPACE LOCATED IN A SINGLE STOREY FLAT ROOF STRUCTURE THAT HOUSES COMMERCIAL ADDRESSES 15157 – 15169 ON ROPER AVE. 15169 ROPER WAS RENOVATED IN 2014. THERE IS NO FIRE ALARM SYSTEM PRESENT IN THE UNIT.

Investigation Finding: Investigation indicated the area of origin was the kitchen with the point of origin determined to be on the Northeast wall of the corridor leading from the seating, service area, into the kitchen. At this location was a stand-up, blue recycle Bin approx. 20 inches tall by 15 inches wide. The bin was located against the north wall at the east end of the corridor leading into the kitchen area. Investigation determined that the plastic recycle bin had caught fire, began to melt and fell forwards towards the handwashing sink located on the opposite side of the corridor. The area under the handwashing sink was open and had been used to store plastic food takeout containers and lids. The countertop that housed the handwash sink was made of plywood with a laminate top. Investigation determined fire spread from the melted recycle bin to the combustibles stored under the handwash sink, up the partial wall separating the hand wash sink from the kitchen sink and up to the plywood countertop. Fire burned through both water supply lines leading to the tap set of the handwash sink. This caused

CONTINUOUS WATER FLOW UNDER THE SINK AREA, HELPING LIMIT FIRE SPREAD. THERE WAS CHARRING PRESENT FROM FLOOR TO CEILING ON THE OUTSIDE STUD OF THE WALL SEPARATING THE TWO SINKS IN THIS AREA. THERE WAS ALSO CHARRING PRESENT AT THE BASE OF THE NORTHEAST WALL OF THE CORRIDOR LEADING TO THE KITCHEN WHERE THE RECYCLE BIN WAS STANDING, PRIOR TO MELTING. A BURN PATTERN WAS VISIBLE ON THE OUTSIDE OF A PORTABLE FREEZER ALSO STORED IN THIS LOCATION, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN AGAINST THE BACKSIDE OF THE RECYCLE BIN.

THE BUSINESS OWNER Redacted S. 22 STATED HE DISCOVERED THE FIRE DAMAGE UPON OPENING THE RESTAURANT AT 1030HRS, JANUARY 29TH. STATED THAT Redacted S. 22 AND STAFF EXTINGUISHED VISIBLE HOT SPOTS PRIOR TO FIRE DEPT. ARRIVAL.

CLAIMED THE RECYCLE BIN AT THE POINT OF ORIGIN WAS EMPTIED INTO THE BUILDING'S DUMPSTER BY THE CHEF AT THE END OF THE PREVIOUS WORKDAY (ROUGHLY 21:00HRS, JANUARY 28TH). APPARENTLY, THIS IS STANDARD PRACTICE FOR THE RESTAURANT LIMITING ODORS DEVELOPING IN THE KITCHEN OVERNIGHT. IN INTERVIEW, Redacted 5. 22 STATED THAT SEVERAL OF THE CURRENT RESTAURANT WORKERS ARE SMOKERS, INCLUDING 5. 22 AND THE HEAD CHEF. HOWEVER, STAFF PRACTICE IS TO SMOKE OUTSIDE THE BUILDING USUALLY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE PARKING AREA. Redacted 5. 22 AND THE CHEF WHO WAS ON DUTY THE EVENING OF JANUARY 28TH, STATED THERE WAS NO SMOKING INSIDE THE RESTAURANT THAT EVENING AND THAT THE CHEF WAS THE LAST ONE OUT OF THE BUILDING ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 28TH. OUR INVESTIGATION DID NOT YIELD ANY EVIDENCE OF SMOKING MATERIALS PRESENT IN THE KITCHEN, HOWEVER THE REMAINS OF THE MELTED RECYCLE BIN HAD ALREADY BEEN MOVED OUTSIDE BY STAFF.

Another potential ignition source near the point of origin was the electric freezer, stored in the area. The freezer was ruled out as an ignition source as it was functioning properly and remained operational after the fire.

SUMMARY: THE MOST LIKELY CAUSE OF THIS FIRE WAS CARELESSLY DISCARDED SMOKING MATERIALS. HOWEVER, NO EVIDENCE OF SMOKING MATERIALS WERE FOUND IN THE AREA OF ORIGIN AND EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED STATED THERE WAS NO SMOKING TAKING PLACE (THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF) INSIDE THE RESTAURANT ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 28TH, 2023.

THEREFOR, THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

REPORT BY: CHIEF ED WOLFE, LAFC #2685

Photos and drawings for this report are in the file and on the computer for this incident.





































