

July 12, 2023

FOI No. 2023-41

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VIA EMAIL - Redacted S. 22

Dear S.22

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

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

- *Requesting date legal opinion was requested concerning the use of convex mirrors on roadways in the city of White Rock.*
- *Requesting the date the response was received concerning the use of convex mirrors in the city of White Rock.*

Note: This is not a request for the legal opinion itself.

I have inquired with staff in regard to this request, there is no information in response to this request.

Staff noted the following:

We have had contact with Engineers in other Cities, including our Surrey neighbour, and the ones we have spoken with agree that the convex mirrors can pose a liability when installed by the City.

Some of the reasons for liability with a City installed mirror include:

- the mirrors frequently come out of adjustment thereby giving false readings to motorists. A motorist in an accident could potentially sue the City saying that the City should ensure the mirrors are in adjustment.
- some motorists could have difficulty processing the information from the mirror, gain a false sense that the roadway is clear, and cause an accident. Either party could then potentially sue the City saying the mirror was the cause of the accident.
- the mirrors can sometimes reflect sunlight in a "blinding" fashion and cause an accident.
- the mirrors may not be clear in rainy weather.

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Please contact me at tarthur@whiterockcity.ca or 604-541-2212 if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Tracey Arthur
Director of Corporate Administration

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.