



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT | *Beyond the Call*

December 16, 2022

**I&P Unit Reference: 22-1118A**

VIA EMAIL

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Records Access Request**

We are replying to your request for information that was received in our office on October 21, 2022. In that request, you wished to know:

- 1) "any information about illicit substances seized by the VPD from the date range of July 2020-July 2022"; and
- 2) How much money was spent overall on preventing drug crime".

Item 1) of your request was forwarded to the Department's Property Office as the most likely holder of the responsive records<sup>1</sup>. They searched their database for drugs/illicit substances tagged at their premises during the specified time period and provided the attached data.

The Property Office does not collect the actual date of seizure but rather the date it is submitted to their premises. The date of seizure is captured in the incident report<sup>2</sup>. In order to provide the date as per your request, a manual review of all corresponding incident reports would have to be conducted. We do not believe this sort of search was intended by your request and trust you will find the incident year sufficient for your purposes.

Please also note that drugs seized only for destruction may not be analyzed and the substance form would be presumptive in those instances.

We are unable to compile a budget for all drug crime prevention initiatives, and therefore a response to item 2) of your request cannot be accurately calculated. In an effort to provide context and assistance, however, we can provide the salary and benefits for the Drug Unit personnel.

The total salary and benefits paid for the VPD Drug Unit personal for the specified time period (July 2020 to July 2022) was \$3,380,223.00. This information does not include the cost of other VPD areas working on drug investigations nor shared costs.

<sup>1</sup> VPD Regulations & Procedures 1.6.12(ii)

<https://vancouver.ca/police/assets/pdf/manuals/vpd-manual-regulations-procedures.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Tagged items are linked to reports by incident number.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Information and Privacy Unit at (604) 717-3071 or email [foi@vpd.ca](mailto:foi@vpd.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. W. ...', written over a horizontal line.

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