MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

From:

Corrigal, Jacoba AG:EX

Sent:

Thursday, August 18, 2011 3:52 PM

To:

MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Subject:

FW: New FOI Request #PSS-2011-01350 - Call for Records

Attachments:

Fee Est PSS-11-1350.doc; Call Rec PSS-11-1350.docx

Jacoba C. Corrigal

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From: Baker, Chelsea AG:EX

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 3:42 PM

To: Corrigal, Jacoba AG:EX **Cc:** Andrade, Ana AG:EX

Subject: FW: New FOI Request #PSS-2011-01350 - Call for Records

Jacoba,

Please see the FOI Request below. This request needs to be responded to ASAP. Please let me know if there are any records.

Ana, would Paul's section have any information on this request?

Thank you.

Chelsea Baker

Support Services Coordinator Director's Office Finance and Administration Ministry of Attorney General PO Box 9256 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9J4

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MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

From:

Miller, Lesley SG:EX

Sent:

Thursday, September 15, 2011 4:39 PM

To:

MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Subject:

FW: FOI request - 2011-01350 - Cliff 470826

Attachments:

FW: FOR APPROVAL: 470826 - 292-30/PSS-2011-01350

Hi Peggy:

Did you see this FOI request? I did not notate in the CLIFF log as to where it went from me. Printed copy on its way.

Thanks! Lesley

From: Butterfield, Nicole SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 4:23 PM

To: Miller, Lesley SG:EX **Cc:** Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX

Subject: FW: FOI request - 2011-01350 - Cliff 470826

Hi Lesley - did this get actioned? Please reply direct to Jeannie and copy me.

Thanks! Nicole

From: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 2:35 PM

To: Butterfield, Nicole SG:EX

Subject: FOI request - 2011-01350 - Cliff 470826

Just following up on this request Nicole. It isn't due until Sept 30th, but it would be great to get it back this week.

Thanks.

Jeannie Hoskins
Executive Coordinator
Office of the Deputy Solicitor General
Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General

MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

From:

Clark, Perry SG:EX

Sent:

Thursday, September 15, 2011 5:27 PM

To:

Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX; MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Cc:

Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX; Butterfield, Nicole SG:EX; Miller, Lesley SG:EX

Subject:

RE: FOI Request PSS 2011-01350

I don't believe this was sent to PAB

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From: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 5:01 PM

To: MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Cc: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX; Butterfield, Nicole SG:EX; Miller, Lesley SG:EX; Clark, Perry SG:EX

Subject: RE: FOI Request PSS 2011-01350

Kathy's note to Nicole indicated to please return to our office and she would then hand delivery to Tasha at PAB.

Jeannie Hoskins
Executive Coordinator
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Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General

From: MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 4:59 PM

To: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX

Cc: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX; Butterfield, Nicole SG:EX; Miller, Lesley SG:EX; Clark, Perry SG:EX

Subject: RE: FOI Request PSS 2011-01350

No, because Perry walked to Brent.

PERRY: Can you please let Jeannie know if this went to PAB......Thanks.

From: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 4:51 PM

To: MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Cc: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX; Butterfield, Nicole SG:EX; Miller, Lesley SG:EX

Subject: RE: FOI Request PSS 2011-01350

Do we know if it went to PAB?

Jeannie Hoskins Executive Coordinator Office of the Deputy Solicitor General Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General

From: MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 4:45 PM

To: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX

Cc: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX; Butterfield, Nicole SG:EX; Miller, Lesley SG:EX

Subject: FW: FOI Request PSS 2011-01350

Hi Jeannie:

Further to our conversation attached is the signoff for the above request. Brent signed it off as A/DSG.

From: MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 2:10 PM

To: Wilkinson, Donna SSBC:EX

Cc: Hudson, Vicki SSBC:EX; Clark, Perry SG:EX Subject: FOI Request PSS 2011-01350

Attached is the signed off package for the above request. Do you want me to return the original signoff sheets to you?

<< Message: foi pss 2011-01350 >>

From: Clark, Perry SG:EX

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2011 8:43 AM

To: Hudson, Vicki SSBC:EX

Cc: Wilkinson, Donna SSBC:EX; MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Subject: RE:

Please

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From: Hudson, Vicki SSBC:EX

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2011 8:31 AM

To: Clark, Perry SG:EX
Cc: Wilkinson, Donna SSBC:EX

Subject: RE:

Thanks Perry. Unless the applicant withdraws the request for the breakdown sheet we still have to go forward. Would you like me to call the applicant to see if he wants to withdraw the request that has already been signed off?

Vicki Hudson

Manager, Justice/Social Team Information Access Operations, Logistics and Business Services, Shared Services BC Ministry of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government

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From: Clark, Perry SG:EX

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2011 8:23 AM

To: Wilkinson, Donna SSBC:EX; Hudson, Vicki SSBC:EX

Cc: MacLeod, Peggy SG:EX

Subject:

You may have seen this by now, costs at bottom ...

Cup riot 'was not beyond imagining'

Vancouver Sun
Friday, September 02, 2011
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By Jeff Lee, Andrea Woo, Mike Hager snd Jonathan Fowlie

Vancouver police and city officials should have been better prepared for the massive crowds that flooded downtown for Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final, the independent review of the June 15 riot has concluded. A litany of problems plagued police as they tried to control the riot, from faulty radios that prevented transmission of a key command, to the improper location of needed riot control gear, to lack of a regional public safety plan, authors Douglas Keefe and John Furlong said in their report.

They made a sweeping set of 53 recommendations they say will help prevent future riots if they're acted on. But Furlong told reporters the two men "don't have the courage to sit here and say there won't be another riot."

The recommendations include better control of liquor sales, better planning by police, a coordinated regional operations plan for large events and a major events planning team for Vancouver. They also say TransLink has a role to play in slowing the transport of liquored-up fans on its transit lines.

The report contained a few criticisms of how what was supposed to be a peaceful family-oriented gathering for the final game between the Vancouver Canucks and the Boston Bruins turned into a night of mayhem that led to widespread looting and vandalism.

The authors say the riot, in which at least 60 businesses were looted or vandalized, "was not beyond imagining" and could have been predicted hours earlier given the rapidly changing atmosphere downtown.

But by the time police were fully deployed under a friendly "meet and greet" scenario, thousands of drunken people had flooded into the downtown and police control evaporated.

"It is clear the [police] underestimated the number of people who would take the whole day off to get downtown very early," the authors said in their report. "The opportunity to establish police control was lost."

Options for adequately controlling the crowd dwindled by the hour throughout the day as more than 155,000 people flooded into the downtown core.

"There was no plausible number of police that could have prevented this," Keefe told reporters. "They did not have a lot of reactive capacity."

The report answers the controversial question of how many officers Vancouver police deployed for Game 7.

Although Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu had long argued that number is secret for security purposes, Furlong and Keefe said keeping it secret now is a most point. They said the original police plan called for 446 officers to be deployed. By the end of riot night, 928 were on the job.

But they say that initial number was more than adequate to cover the city's needs and noted that when Chicago won the 2009 Stanley Cup, 450 officers and 20 horses policed a crowd of 1.2 million people.

"We conclude the number of police identified in VPD's plan was appropriate given the threat level," the report said.

But it said the police department's operational plan did not identify criteria that would automatically trigger changes in their responses.

"For example, the VPD's plan should have required a report on the number of people downtown beginning late in the morning and providing options for earlier deployment," the report said.

It noted "command confusion" ensued in trying to quell the riot in part because the RCMP's tactical troops were equipped with a faulty VPD radio. As a result, one portion of the troop did not hear a command to suit up in riot gear, causing delay and confusion.

At the same time, the VPD put a cache of gear in a bad location at Granville and Nelson that was later overrun by rioters.

"On an ordinary night, it might have been a small problem but on June 15 the congestion turned it into a significant problem."

Chu said police "will be looking at all the recommendations that have been made with a view to implementation."

He admitted mistakes were made, but maintained there was nothing more police could have done to prevent the riot.

"In hindsight, we should have had more police officers," Chu said. "If I knew there was going to be a riot, I would have deployed way more police officers. But what we deployed that night - and as the report confirms - is, given the intelligence, given the threat level, ... the reasonable number of officers to deploy."

On the issue of how the crowds got of hand so quickly, the report said SkyTrain was dropping an average of 800 people into the downtown core every 80 seconds. Many of the riders were already drunk or carried alcohol bought outside the downtown core.

At the critical moment when the crowds were not yet totally out of control, the potential for a riot was fanned by the fact that nearly half of the officers on scene retreated for a critical half-hour to switch into protective riot gear.

That window left some young people - whom Furlong and Keefe called "villains and thugs" - to feel they had free rein in the city.

"To use a sports analogy, they probably felt the referee had put his whistle in his pocket," Keefe said.

Despite those conclusions, Keefe and Furlong say that on balance the lessons presented by the riot shouldn't preclude Vancouver from holding large public events downtown in future.

Mayor Gregor Robertson heartily endorsed the independent review.

"I think the whole city had a sense of invincibility after the Olympics and after all of the Stanley Cup playoffs up until Game 7," Robertson said. "This was a very, very stern and troubling reminder that this can break out.

"This can happen to any city, and it's a lot worse in many other cities. I think we're fortunate it wasn't a lot more damaging and there wasn't loss of life."

Robertson called on Solicitor-General Shirley Bond and the region's police chiefs to adopt a Keefe/Furlong recommendation to create a regional police unit to deal with large events that draw people from across the Lower Mainland.

"They've got protocols in place for homicide and gang task force, I think it's important that they have that as well for big-scale events," he said.

The city also released Thursday its own internal report into the riot, which made broad recommendations on how to better plan for major events. Council is holding a special meeting Tuesday to discuss the internal review.

As for Robertson's role, Keefe and Furlong concluded the mayor "played no part in directing police planning or financial discussions."

But they recommended the solicitor-general change the Police Act to remove mayors from serving as the heads of police boards, as is the case with Robertson. They said it creates an inherent conflict for a mayor as both the top politician and the person to whom police departments have to report.

Robertson has said in the past he doesn't want to be the chairman of the police board but must serve in that role because of legislation.

Premier Christy Clark said her government will give all the Keefe/Furlong recommendations "serious consideration."

"We're going to look into all of the recommendations and get a feel for which we can do quickly and which ones we should take a little more time with."

Clark added she remains frustrated with the slow progress of charges. "I would like to see all of this dealt with a lot more expediently than it has [been]."

Bond said she has asked the deputy attorney-general to investigate whether changes can be made to liquor distribution rules. She has also asked that Judge Thomas Crabtree, the chief judge of the Provincial Court, consider how to expeditiously handle the large number of charges expected to be laid against rioters.

New Democratic Party public safety critic Kathy Corrigan said she thinks the report contains good recommendations, but one of the key questions is who will pay to ensure they are properly implemented.

"Some of those recommendations have a pretty hefty price tag attached to them when you talk about community courts and when you talk about a regional approach to policing," she said. "The province and the municipalities and the police forces involved need to sit down and have a discussion, and it can't be a top-down approach."

The provincial government formed the Keefe/Furlong inquiry on June 28 in an effort to determine how the riot occurred and what could be done to prevent such occurrences in future.

Keefe is a former Nova Scotia deputy attorney-general and career bureaucrat. Furlong is the former president and CEO of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympics.

Over the last two months, the two met with a number of politicians, police and business groups. The independent review cost \$313,000 and was paid for by the province.

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RIOT REVIEW, BY THE NUMBERS

The total costs are estimated at \$313,022, comprising:

- . \$201,315 in salaries for the co-chairs.
- . \$70,813 for support staff to help them produce their report, including writing, office and business expenses.
- . \$40,894 for travel, technical expertise and other expenses.

Doug Keefe's compensation: \$123,565

. Travel \$20,787

. Total \$144,352

John Furlong's compensation: \$77,750

. Travel \$1,453

. Total \$79,203

Total cost of the review: \$313,022

Jeff Lee, Vancouver Sun

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