

From: [Ralph, Tara LDB:EX](#)
To: [Zanocco, Viviana LDB:EX](#)
Cc: [s.15,s.19 LDB:EX](#)
Subject: FOI/ROI re RDC Building Owner
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 2:47:06 PM
Importance: High

Viv,

As per our discussion I think there is more at play than the simple transparency of an agency LDB does business with (i.e., the building owner). I would typically advise that the name of a person/company who owns a building that we lease is required to be released as a matter of course, as we release this in response any FOI request for building lease documents. Particularly related to the safety of buildings and persons involved with the cannabis warehouse, we must err on the side of caution and perhaps not – as a matter of routine release – provide the name of the building owner to the media, particularly without consulting with them first.

My preference is to defer Mr. Mackin to making an FOI request (Note: he may now request far more than just the name). In doing so, the formal response from Government's FOI branch (Information Access Operations) will be provided, and if he is provided the name so be it.

As advised, I defer to Blain to make the determination of whether to engage with the owner and get his agreement to release his name to the media, or request that Mr. Mackin make an FOI request.

I trust this will be helpful. Please let me know what Blain's decision is on this matter.

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From: Bob Mackin
To: [Zanocco, Viviana LDB:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Cannabis distribution centre
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:26:43 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

There is no legal basis for you to tell me to file an FOI request. None whatsoever.
Who told you to tell me to file an FOI request? Name and title, please.

On Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 1:24 PM Zanocco, Viviana LDB:EX <viviana.zanocco@bcldb.com> wrote:

Hi Bob,

We treat our landlords and lessors as vendors and suppliers, and don't summarily disclose information about who we do business with. I've consulted with several divisions and I'm going to ask you to file an FOI request for the details you're looking for.

Thanks,

Viv

From: Bob Mackin [<mailto:bob@thebreaker.news>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Zanocco, Viviana LDB:EX
Subject: Re: Cannabis distribution centre

Could you please find out?

It would be easier for both of us, than me having to file an FOI request. There is no legal basis for LDB to withhold the name of a landlord, particularly for such an important facility as the one in Richmond.

On Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 2:22 PM Zanocco, Viviana LDB:EX
<viviana.zanocco@bcldb.com> wrote:

Hi Bob,

As I said I don't know who our landlord is. The property owner/lessor would have a say in the release of that information to the public and/or media.

Viv

From: Bob Mackin [mailto:bob@thebreaker.news]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Zanolco, Viviana LDB:EX
Subject: Re: Cannabis distribution centre

The news release states:

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From which company or individual did the LDB secure the location for the distribution centre in Richmond?

On Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 2:14 PM Zanolco, Viviana LDB:EX
<viviana.zanolco@bcldb.com> wrote:

Shopify is the eCommerce provider for online sales on the retail side. They are not involved on the wholesale side of the business.

Let me know if that's not clear.

Viv

From: Bob Mackin [mailto:bob@thebreaker.news]

Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:12 PM

To: Zanolco, Viviana LDB:EX

Subject: Re: Cannabis distribution centre

Just to be clear, is Shopify offering only the cloud solution?

If the LDB is renting or leasing space, then LDB does have an obligation to tell me who the landlord is. I hope you're not going to make me file an FOI request to find out.

On Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 9:54 AM Zanolco, Viviana LDB:EX
<viviana.zanolco@bcldb.com> wrote:

Hi Bob,

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We made the announcement about the DC back in June of last year, here's a link to the news release <https://www.bcldbcannabisupdates.com/news/22-06-2018-ldb-readies-online-sales-non-medical-cannabis-secures-distribution-centre>

I'm not in a position to tell you who the landlord is, even if I knew, that's their information to disclose.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:27:13 PM
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Viv, what are Tara's thoughts. The media person could probably find this info with an internet search. I'm out of the office but back tomorrow. We can discuss then

s.15,s.19

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Zanocco, Viviana LDB:EX" <viviana.zanocco@bcldb.com>
Date: 2019-02-26 4:21 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "s.15,s.19 LDB:EX" <s.15,s.19 @bcldb.com>
Subject: FW: Cannabis distribution centre

Hi s.15,s.19

I have a media guy who wants to know the name of the person or company who owns our Richmond Distribution Centre. I've told him that kind of information is not for me to disclose, and we'd need the owner's okay, he's replied we have no legal right to withhold.

Talked to Tara, and now talking to you.

Please call me 3034.

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