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Integrated Security Unit refuses to release street closures to Vancouverites

The BC Civil Liberties Association has been forced to release unofficial street closure data obtained through Freedom of Information requests after requests to the security unit for the Olympics to provide more accurate and timely information were ignored.

“We sent a clear letter to the Integrated Security Unit, which includes senior management from the Vancouver Police Department, and which is in regular contact with VANOC, highlighting our concern about the discrepancies in the information made available to the general public and the information we obtained through our Freedom of Information requests,” said Carmen Cheung, Counsel at the B.C. Civil Liberties Association. “We asked it to release the detailed street closures we know they anticipate, giving it a month to reply. It has ignored our request, as it has ignored the concerns of the public and businesses needing this information.”

In response to its Freedom of Information requests, the BCCLA received copies of applications by various officials to the City of Vancouver for street closures during the Olympics, which included detailed information about parking and resident access. Compiling this information with other information released through administrative reports accompanying the City’s new bylaws, the BCCLA has been able to assemble a partial list of anticipated closures for public release.

“Only the ISU knows completely what the closures will be around the Games and the restrictions for home care workers, employees and residents inside security perimeters,” said Cheung. “There are only six months until the Olympics, and residents and businesses still don’t have access to adequate information to plan for closures of streets around their homes, offices and stores.”

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The BCCLA has compiled information from publicly available maps on the City of Vancouver and VANOC web pages, and documents received through an Access to Information request made to the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit.

The roads highlighted in blue will be subject to some form of closure/restricted access during

some portion of the Olympic Games period (from January to March, 2010). Neither the accuracy nor completeness of this information is guaranteed.

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