SUBMISSION FROM CITY OF CANADA BAY COUNCIL

Good morning

Thank you for the opportunity to forward a submission in relation to this matter.

In relation to Section 64 of the Act, relating to Processing Charges, Council continues to promote open and transparent government through the GIPA Act and since the commencement of the Act, approximately 95% of all applications have been dealt with on an informal basis. This of course does take up large amounts of resources however Council is unable to charge a processing charge for informal applications. Council requests that an opportunity to charge processing charges for informal applications be included in the Act.

Council also holds a large amount of building and development application plans and is required to advise persons applying under GIPA to view and copy the plans that they require the permission of the copyright holder of the plans prior to them being able to have a copy of the plans. Council requests that an exemption be granted to allow this requirement to be waived.

Should you wish to discuss this matter with me further please do not hesitate to contact me on 99116530.

Kind regards

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