

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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June 13, 2022

Ms. Christine Massey
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Dear Ms. Massey:

Subject: City of Toronto Access Request Number 2022-01122

I am replying to your access request under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

You have requested access to the following: "All studies / reports in the possession, custody or control of Eileen de Villa or Toronto Public Health describing anyone on Earth finding and purifying any "monkeypox virus" directly from the bodily fluid / tissue / excrement of any diseased host (animal or human) where the bodily fluid / tissue was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. cell line; fetal bovine serum).

I simply require records that describe purification (separation from everything else in the bodily fluid / tissue, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things). I require any study / report matching the above details, authored by anyone, anywhere, since the alleged discovery of these alleged "viruses".

In the interest of transparency and in accordance with the purposes of MFIPPA, if any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Should it prove impossible to provide any such study (since none exist and virology is not a science), then please provide or cite a study that, according to Thomas Piggott, proves the existence of any such "virus". "

Records search from January 1, 1958 to the present.

Our office has contacted staff of the Toronto Public Health Division regarding the above access request.

Decision

Staff of Toronto Public Health (TPH) has advised that access to the above-described records cannot be granted as the records do not exist.

Furthermore, staff explained that TPH does not conduct or perform testing for any diseases. Laboratory work is being done by Public Health Ontario. Additionally, all direction regarding Monkeypox has been mandated and issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario, not Toronto Public Health.

For more information regarding Monkeypox, you may contact the Public Health Ontario website via the following links:

Public Health Ontario

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/>

Monkeypox

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Diseases-and-Conditions/Infectious-Diseases/Vector-Borne-Zoonotic-Diseases/Monkeypox>

Freedom of Information Requests - for Public Health of Ontario

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Using-Data/Data-Requests>

Right to appeal our decision

You may ask for a review within 30 days as of the date of this decision by contacting: The Registrar, Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8, telephone: 416-326-3333, or toll free 1-800-387-0073.

If you choose to appeal, please provide the Commissioner with the following:

- the request number assigned to your request;
- a copy of this decision letter;
- a copy of your original request;
- the appeal fee for general records of \$25, payable by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance.

For more information, you may wish to visit the IPC's website:

<http://www.ipc.on.ca/english/Home-Page/>

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Should you have any questions, please contact **Ms. Eileen Su, Access and Privacy Officer**, at **416-397-5216** or Eileen.Su@toronto.ca.

Yours truly,

S. Campbell (for)

John D. Elvidge
City Clerk