

Board of Commissioners Submission For Information

Subject: Public Interest Disclosure Act Report – Fourth Quarter Ended March 31, 2023

Background Description

B.C.'s Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA) is provincial legislation that provides a safe, legally protected way for current and former public sector employees, including BC Housing employees, to report serious or systemic wrongdoing. In December 2022, BC Housing launched its PIDA reporting program, as well as supporting PIDA Policy and Procedure, to fulfill its obligations under the Act.

Employees and former employees may seek advice or report wrongful or unlawful conduct in a confidential reporting process to: their direct supervisor, BC Housing's Designated Officer, or to a neutral third-party service contracted to enhance the confidentiality of complaints. Individuals may additionally raise their concerns directly with the Office of the BC Ombudsperson.

Current Situation

Disclosures

Number of Disclosures Received	0
Number of Referrals of Disclosures	0
Number of Known Disclosures Received by the Ombudsperson	0
Number of Disclosures Acted On	Not applicable
Number of Disclosures Not Acted On	Not applicable

Results of Findings by BC Housing of Wrongdoing

Description of Wrongdoing	Not applicable
Recommendations (Including Those from BC Ombudsperson)	Not applicable
Corrective Actions Taken in Relation to Wrongdoing	Not applicable
Reasons Why No Corrective Action Was Taken	Not applicable

Notes

The BC Housing Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA) intake process as managed by a third party, The Neutral Zone, began December 1st, 2022. The program's new contact information was communicated to current BC Housing staff January 5th, 2023. No previously reported disclosures were provided to The Neutral Zone from BC Housing. **Since its inception, The Neutral Zone has had on average 2 contacts a month with BC Housing and all pertained to clarifying the purpose of the BC Housing PIDA program.** None were a disclosure requiring re-referral to resources like the BC Ombudsperson nor was disclosing to BC Housing required.

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