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Dear Ms. Lakhankar & Mr. Nguyen:

The City of New Brunswick is in receipt of your emails the first of which is dated December 5, 2022, (by Ms. Lakhankar), with the Subject: "Request for Information on 14 Stone Street", the second dated December 7, 2022, with the Subject: "OPRA Request – Rent control Exemption at 14 Stone", and the third dated December 8, 2022, with the Subject: "Questions about 14 Stone Street".

Regarding the first and third emails described above, be advised, requests seeking information or asking questions are not proper Open Public Records Act requests. See *e.g.* Rummel v. Cumberland Cnty. Bd. of Chosen Freeholders, GRC Complaint No. 2011-168 (December 2012). OPRA requires only that the city provide copies of all records that are made, maintained, kept on file, or received in the course of official business. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

Regarding the email of December 7, 2022, it is my understanding that the Rent Control Office responded by stating the property in question is exempt from registration with the City of New Brunswick Rent Control Office, and there are no records provide. It is also my understanding that there are no records of complaints regarding the subject property.

14 Stone Street, is listed as Exempt by the Tax Assessor under Property Class 15D (religious organization), as a Campus Ministry building. Pursuant to the Rent Control Ordinance, 5.80.050, Subsection D, the Rent Control Office does not require that this property be registered.

The following link will take you to the City of New Brunswick rent control website and once on that page you will be able to access a link to the actual municipal ordinance.
https://www.cityofnewbrunswick.org/residents/departments/planning_development/rent_control/what_units_are_covered.php

Thank you for your interest in these matters.

Leslie R. Zeledón
City Clerk