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June 5, 2017



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Dear :

**RE: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Our File TW/055/2017)**

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On April 7, 2017, the Department of Transportation and Works received your request for access to the following records/information:

*In Minister Bennett's Budget Speech on April 6, 2017 she stated, "Just as an example of how better planning leads to better outcomes, two years ago approximately 166 kilometres of roads were paved at a cost of \$53.3 million. Last year, we paved 256 kilometres for \$47.7 million. That is 90 more kilometres of road, for \$5.6 million less." I am requesting all relevant information used in arriving at such a statement. Included in this request would be a side by side comparison for: Cost per ton of asphalt, Labour costs, location of paving projects, time of year work occurred, full scope of work completed for each paving project (including replacement of culverts, ditching, replacing/upgrading granular road base, etc) and whether said projects were part of larger parcels of work tendered.*

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister of Transportation and Works to provide full access to the information used to arrive at the statement in the Budget Speech. The calculation did not include cost per ton of asphalt and labour costs; therefore there are no responsive records to these items. Information regarding paving projects is provided.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Act*. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Transportation & Works  
Policy, Planning & Evaluation Division  
**Response to Applicant – Full Access Granted**

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8  
Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the *Act*.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 709-729-5303 or by e-mail at [MichaelCook@gov.nl.ca](mailto:MichaelCook@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Cook".

Michael Cook  
ATIPP Coordinator  
Department of Transportation and Works  
Enclosures

### Access or correction complaint

42.(1) A person who makes a request under this *Act* for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52(1) or 53(1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

**Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant**

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.
- (2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days
- (a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or
  - (b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).
- (3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.
- (4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45(2).

Roads Program Expenditure			
Funding Program	2016-17*	2015-16	Diff.
Current - Improvements, Provincial Roads (3.2.03 Public Accounts 2015-16)	\$ 47,723,647.00	\$ 53,359,387.00	\$ (5,635,740.00)

Paving Projects - KMs			
Total	256.345	166.58	\$ 89.77

\* Actual amount to be reported in 2016-17 Public Accounts.

## 2016-17 Paving Projects

Project #	Description
0005-16PSB	<p>Part "A": Replacement of LaManche River Bridge, Route 10, km 55.1, with a 30 meter single span prestressed concrete girder bridge with reinforced concrete deck</p> <p>Part "B": Construction of a temporary bypass road, temporary bridge and regrading of approach</p>
0006-16PHP	Pulverize and repave two sections of Route 63, Avondale Access Road, km 0.1 to km 1.25 and km 5.68 to km 7.48 and replace culvert at km 0.3. Construct connecting road between Lawrence Pond and Andrews Road Conception Bay South.
0008-16PHP	Upgrade and pave Route 360 Bay D'Espoir Highway from km 45.2 to km 49.5 at Migeul's Brook and km 51.9 at Northwest Gander River to km 59.5.
0010-16PHO	Various repairs to Route 440, Bay of Islands North Highway, at Christopher's Cove, McIver's and Cox's Cove.
0011-16PHP	Asphalt levelling various sections of Route 450, Bay of Islands South Highway, at Copper Mine Brook, Frenchman's Cove and John's Beach. Pulverize and pave sections of Route 440, Bay of Islands North Shore Highway at Irishtown - Summerside, Plant Hill and
0013-16PHP	Pulverize and pave 7.7 km of Route 330, Gander Bay Road, from Barry's Brook to Main Point to an RCU80 standard.
0020-16PHP	Mill and repave various sections of the Trans Canada Highway between Whitbourne and Goobies
0021-16PHP	Upgrade and resurface section of Route 230A from George's Brook to Route 230 intersection near Clarenville Airstrip, km 3.9 to km 8.2, for approximately 4.3 km.
0025-16PHP	Pulverize and pave Route 220, km 78.4 to km 82.0, Lamaline towards Point May. Upgrade and pave Route 220, km 77.06 to km 77.28, Lamaline.
0035-16THP	Rehabilitation of the Trans Canada Highway between Lewisporte Junction and Route 360 Bay D'Espoir Highway intersection from km 398 to km 408 for approximately 10 km. Addition of an acceleration lane from the New Bay Road TCH intersection towards Grand Falls

0037-16THP	Paving Route 510, Trans Labrador Highway, between Red Bay and Lodge Bay km 77 to km 156 from the Quebec Border.
0043-16PHC	Replacement of Thorburn Lake Railway Overpass and improvements to Thorburn Lake intersection.
0047-16PHP	Pulverize and pave approximately 10 km of Route 100-17, Point Lance Road and 5 sections of Route 100, Cape Shore Highway totalling approximately 4.5km between St. Bride's and Branch
0055-16THP	Paving Route 510 Trans Labrador Highway from Lodge Bay towards Cartwright Junction for approximately 80 km.
0059-16THP	Upgrade & Repave approximately 1.5 km of the Eastbound and Westbound lanes Outer Ring Road between Torbay Road and Carrick Drive. Mill and Fill approximately 5 lane km of the Outer Ring Road between Topsail Road and the Team Gushue Highway
0061-16THP	Cold plane and pave approximately 5.2 lane km and recap approximately 14.2 km of the TCH between the Sir Robert Bond Bridge and Grand Falls Windsor. Waterproof and repave the Cromer Avenue Bridges

## 2015-16 Paving Projects

Project #	Description
0007-15PHZ	Replacement of two retaining walls and realignment of roadway on Route 440, North Shore Highway, approximately 0.7km west of R440 interchange
0009-15THP	Rehabilitation of the Trans Canada Highway between Gambo and Benton, km 298.5 to km 312.4
0018-15THP	Cold Plane and repave sections of Route1, TCH, from Salmonier Line to Whitbourne. Recap sections of the TCH between Salmonier Line and Avondale Access Road. Supply, installation and repairs to various culverts between Salmonier Line and Whitbourne.
0030-15PHP	Part A: Upgrade and pave 2.7km of Route 20-19, Pouch Cove Line; Upgrade and resurface 0.6km of Route 20-21, Pine Line. Levelling asphalt for 0.5km of Route 50, St. Thomas Line. Drainage improvements on Route 20, Torbay Road and Route 20-16, Indian Meal
0035-15PHP	Pulverize and pave approximately 2.8km of Route 102, Ship Harbour Road, km 15.0 to km 17.8. Asphalt levelling for approx. 2.0 km on Route 100, Argentina Access Road.
0037-15PHP	Upgrade and pave approx. 3 km of Route 3 from Ruby Line to Doyle's Road. Resurface approx. 5 km of Route 10 from Witless Bay towards Mobile. Upgrade and resurface approx. 3 km of Route 10 in Renewals. Install two 3850 x 1100 box culverts on Beachy Cove Road
0039-15PHP	Upgrading intersection R210 and R210-23, Jean de Baie. Upgrade and pave R210 at Marystown, km 145.7 to 146.4. Asphalt overlay R220 km 6.7 to 7.7 and R221 km 0 to 0.4, at Burin. Rehabilitation of R221-15, km 3.5 to 4.5, Mortier Road, and R220-16
0040-15PHP	Asphalt levelling Hospital Road and Hospital Lane, Twillingate, for approx. 1km; approx. 2km from Route 340 intersection to Back Harbour Road, Twillingate; approx. 2.3km Valley Pond Road, Virgin Arm; Route 340 from maintenance depot to Fairbanks for appro
0041-15PHP	Pulverize and pave sections of Route 235 at Southern Bay, km 0.3 to km 1.3; at Plate Cove West, km 16 to km 17; at Knight's Cove between km 36.35 to km 37.6 and km 38 to km 38.5; and a section of Route 238 near Elliston, km 8.2 to km 10.2.



0043-15PHP	Pulverize and pave a 1.65km section of R361 at Milltown and a 0.94km section at Goat's Cove.
0045-15PHP	Cold plane, pulverize and pave approx. 0.85km of R70-17, Brazil's Hill towards Cranes Road; 0.75km R70, South River Hill; 1.4km R60 in Marysvale. Drainage improvements and repaving approx. 0.2km R72 at Port de grave. Culvert replacement and timber.
0047-15PHP	Pulverize and pave 1.6 km R330 near Main Point intersection. Asphalt levelling 1 km R330-13 at Carmenville South.
0048-15PHP	Upgrade, pulverize and pave R204, km 7.6 to 10.6 near Long Beach; and R231, km 13.9 to 14.2 and km 14.5 to 17.5, Randon Island. Paving Horwood Crescent in Clarenville.
0049-15PHP	Rehabilitate 3.5 km of R350, km 47.1 to 48.7 and km 49.4 to km 51.3 at Western Arm. Asphalt levelling 0.5 km of R350-21 at various areas on Glovers' Harbour Road and 1 km of R352, Fortune Harbour Road, km 50.6 to 51.6.
0050-15PHP	Upgrade and pave 1.5 km R414-16 Shoe Cove Road, km 0 to 1.5.
0052-15PHP	Rehabilitation, cold planing and repaving sections of Route 2 from the TCH to Manuels Access Road. Upgrading Route 2 Eastbound ramp at the TCH interchange. Installation of storm sewer on Route 60 at Monument Lane.
0054-15PHP	Upgrade and pave various locations including R201 from Thornlea towards Bellevue, R201-14 from Bellevue Beach to Route 1 TCH and R2-1-03 in Arnolds Cove. Asphalt levelling of R201 from the intersection of R201-14 to Bellevue Beach Park entrance and R201-1
0055-15PHP	Pulverize and pave R370, Buchan's Road, km 56 to 58 and km 62 to 63.5; R380, Pilley's island Road, km 31.5 to 33. Asphalt levelling R392, Beachside Road, km 19 to 20.6.
0059-15PHP	Paving various locations on the Port au Port Peninsula. Resurfacing approximately 1km R431 at Trout River. Asphalt levelling sections of R430-31 at Cow head; on R430 from Pond Cove towards Pine Cove; and on R420 Sops Arm Road and at Pollards Point.

0060-15PHP	Upgrade and repave R310, km 17.6 to km 18.2 near Sandringham; R310-11, km 0 to km 1.25, Traytown. Rehabilitate R310-13, km 0.65 to km 2.65 and km 3.4 to km 3.5, Culls Harbour. Pave R310-37-1, km 0 to km 1.5, Burnside.
0065-15PHP	Upgrading and repaving of approximately 6 lane km, eastbound and westbound lanes, on the Outer Ring Road (Route 1) between Logy Bay Road and Carrick Drive. Cold plane and resurface approx. 50 lane km of the TCH between Portugal Cove Road and Salmonier Line