

November 29, 2017



ATIPPA, 2015 section 40.(1)

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: AESL/056/2017]

On November 24, 2017 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

All incoming and outgoing correspondence to and from the Honourable Gerry Byrne and all incoming and outgoing correspondence to and from Deputy Minister Genevieve (Gig) Dooling for the period September 14, 2016 to December 31, 2016 which references the search criteria “Katarina Roxon”.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted in part and the responsive records are attached. Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exception to disclosure, as specified in the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (the act):

Section 40. (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

Please find attached a copy of the responsive records. As required by subsection 8.(2) of the act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

The act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our advisory response.

Section 42 of the act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this partial refusal of access or you may appeal the refusal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Information and Privacy Commissioner shall 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.

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
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event you wish to appeal to the Supreme Court, you must do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Section 52 of the act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five 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 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 the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or sharonseaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Seaward".

for

SHARON SEAWARD
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

Moore, Dave

From: [REDACTED] Sect. 40.(1)
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 10:04 PM
To: Ball, Dwight
Cc: Byrne, Gerry; Joyce, Eddie; Gudie.Hutchings@parl.gc.ca; [REDACTED] Sect. 40.(1)
Subject: Jackie (Moose) Barrett

Dear Premier Ball,

I'm writing you as someone who knows the inspirational athlete, John "Jackie" Barrett, also known as "The Newfoundland Moose", a former Special Olympics athlete of 28 years, including 20 of these exciting years as a Powerlifter.

At last year's Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, California, USA, Jackie proudly represented Canada, as well as Newfoundland and Labrador with his amazing Powerlifting performances. This brought a lot of recognition to this province.

During this event, he won four medals, including three gold medals and one silver medal. He also set three Special Olympics World Games records during the Squat with a lift of 277.5 kgs, Deadlift with a lift of 297.5 kgs, and overall (combined Squat, Bench Press, and Deadlift) with a score of 697.5 kgs.

In addition to winning four medals, he was also elected the Special Olympics Canada "Male Athlete of the Year" and "Dr. Frank Hayden Athlete Lifetime Achievement" award winner, and became the first Special Olympian in Canadian History to be a "Lou Marsh Trophy" finalist.

Over the last ten years, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government has permanently honoured athletes who performed very well at various international level events:

The Brad Gushue rink after they won a Gold Medal in the Men's Curling event, at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy

Kaetlyn Osmond after winning a Silver Medal in the Team Figure Skating event at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia

Katarina Roxon, after winning a Gold Medal in the Women's 100 Metre Breaststroke S8 Classification at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

These fine athletes were honoured with a highway or facility named after them, or, in some cases, even invested into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I am aware that Team Gushue (Curling), Kaetlyn Osmond (Figure Skating), and Katarina Roxon (Paralympics Swimming) are exceptional athletes who work hard in their sports and proudly represent Newfoundland and Labrador and deserve to be recognized. At this time, I ask that you consider appropriately recognizing this exceptional athlete as others have been in our province. Jackie has excelled at the Special Olympics World Games and has represented Newfoundland and Labrador proudly and fairly and should be recognized for his efforts which puts this province on the map in a positive light.

As you may be aware, the Special Olympics World Summer Games is the highest competition level for athletes with developmental or intellectual disabilities. It happens once every four years along with the Olympics and Paralympics.

As is the case for the Paralympics or Olympics, getting to the pinnacle of Special Olympics competition is not an easy feat as athletes have to perform very well at the regional/community, district, provincial, and national levels spanning a four year period. In some ways, getting to the "Stanley Cup of the Special Olympics" is even much harder than qualifying for the Olympics or Paralympics.

In sports, it doesn't matter who you are, meaning that "600 lbs. is 600 lbs.", or a "100 metre sprint in 10 seconds is a 100 metre sprint in 10 seconds". I believe that all athletes who proudly represent this province at an international level and win a gold medal regardless of the competition type, should be recognized for their achievements. Perhaps consideration can be given to having a building or highway permanently named after Jackie to put him in line with Team Gushue (Curling), Kaetlyn Osmond (Figure Skating), or Katarina Roxon (Paralympics Swimming). *Source: YouTube "There Is No Special Treatment - Barbells" (referring to the "600 lbs. is 600 lbs. reference) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i565xFY4Moo> In doing so, the Newfoundland government delivers a message that a Gold Medal in the Olympics, Paralympics, or Special Olympics World Games, or, in Jackie's case, multiple medals, has equal meaning, and the mantra that "sport doesn't discriminate" will be fulfilled.

In short, regardless of where you win a gold medal: the Olympics, Paralympics, or Special Olympics, a "Gold Medal is a Gold Medal".

Sincerely,

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CC Eddie Joyce, Gerry Byrne, Gudrid Hutchings, Jackie Barrett
Sent from my iPad

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