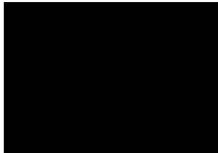


March 19, 2018



Dear :

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-33-2018)

On February 20, 2018, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

Regarding the Mineral Rights Adjudication Board please provide the total number of grievances filed annually by year since 2011. Also please advise how many current outstanding grievances are before the board. Also please advise whether outcomes of grievances are made public and if so where?

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to the requested information. The answer to your question can be found below:

Q: Regarding the Mineral Rights Adjudication Board please provide the total number of grievances filed annually by year since 2011. Also please advise how many current outstanding grievances are before the board. Also please advise whether outcomes of grievances are made public and if so where?

A: *One grievance was filed in 2015. No other grievances have been filed since 2011. Adjudication outcomes are not made public.*

As set out in section 42 of the Act you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the department's decision to provide access to the requested information. 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. Your request should identify your concerns with the department's response and why you are requesting a review.

The request for review may be addressed to 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

Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after receiving the department's decision.

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.

For further details about how an access to information request is processed, please refer to the Access to Information Policy and Procedures Manual at <http://www.atipp.gov.nl.ca/info/index.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or rhynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator