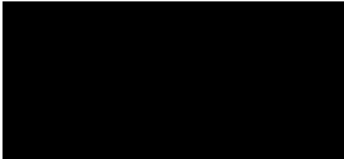


July 19, 2019



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-116-2019)

On June 28, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

I am requesting any documents / logs / notes etc... regarding Commercial Logging Reports of wood cut / replanting of trees - as per commercial cutting regulations from / by a company named Marathon Gold, operating mining exploration in Central Newfoundland at a site near Victoria Lake / Valentine Lake for the period covering the years of 2010 - to this year 2019.

The Department of Natural Resources have reviewed this request and conducted a search and confirmed that there are no responsive records available.

Standard conditions regarding forestry and commercial cutting permits as indicated below apply to all approvals issued to Marathon Gold and other mining companies. Unique specific conditions may be added on a case by case basis, if requested by the Forestry Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources. Regional and Satellite Forestry contact information can be found at http://www.flr.gov.nl.ca/departement/contact_forestry.html#regional

The Proponent shall comply with the Forestry Act and regulations. The Proponent is advised to contact the nearest office of the Forest Services Branch to obtain the following permits as required:

- a. *a cutting permit before the start of the exploration program if trees have to be cut for access to exploration sites. Please note that it may take up to two weeks to receive this permit;*
- b. *an operating permit if operations are to take place on forest land during the forest fire season (May-September);*

Therefore, we would have no records regarding “Commercial Logging Reports of wood cut / replanting of trees”. Presumably any reporting regarding a commercial cutting permit would be between the permit holder and Forestry via the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources.

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 *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (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.

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 this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it 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 letter posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Hynes".

Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator