

July 18, 2019

**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: AESL/047/2019]**

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On June 28, 2019 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

**“May 2019 Information Note Emergency Social Services - Mud Lake.”**

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted and the requested record is attached.

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.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or [SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca](mailto:SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

  
**SHARON SEAWARD**  
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

**Information Note**  
**Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour**

**Title:** Emergency Social Services – Mud Lake

**Issue:** Emergency Social Services (ESS) provided to residents of Mud Lake and Mud Lake Road in partnership with Canadian Red Cross (CRC) and The Salvation Army.

**Background and Current Status:**

- On the early morning of May 17, 2017, flood waters resulted in the emergency evacuation of residents of Mud Lake and Mud Lake Road, near Happy Valley Goose Bay. The Direct Aid Agreement with CRC was formally activated, and 65 individuals from Mud Lake and 13 from Mud Lake Road were registered.
- Emergency Social Services provided by CRC on behalf of the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (AESL), included: Reception Centre Management; Registration and Inquiry; Emergency Food, Emergency Shelter; Emergency Clothing; and, Personal Services.
- The total cost associated with the CRC response was \$15,212.37, which was incurred by Fire and Emergency Services (FES), not AESL. The Province was eligible for federal funding through the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangement (DFAA).
- Although not formally engaged by AESL, The Salvation Army provided some meals and emotional supports to displaced residents.
- Emergency Shelter was provided to 14 individuals (9-families) free of charge by Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Goose Bay. This arrangement ended in January 2018. Under the direction of FES, CRC provided support to residents moving to more permanent accommodations. AESL played no role beyond the emergency response.

**Analysis:**

- Municipal Affairs and Environment, Water Resources Management Division, indicates water levels are expected to peak between April 20 to May 20, 2019. Although there is no imminent threat, residents should be prepared to evacuate.
- AESL continues to work with ESS partners in preparation for Emergency Social Services events.

**Action Being Taken:**

- Continue to work collaboratively with Fire and Emergency Services (FES), the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) and Salvation Army to support preparedness in the event of flooding that would require an evacuation.

**Prepared/Approved by:** D. Norman / C. King / W. Mavin

**Deputy Minister Approval:** 

May 1, 2019