

COR/2019/03052

July 10, 2019

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File #: TW/085/2019) should be TW/86/2019

On June 11, 2019, the Department of Transportation and Works received your request for access to the following records:

Effective September 1, 2015, a \$40 landing and terminal building fee was implemented for all commercial aircraft landing at provincially-owned airstrips in Labrador. The \$40 fee is applied per landing to aircraft operators. How much revenue has been collected from landing fees since being implemented, and what is it used for? How much was spent on each of the airstrips along Labrador's north coast?

Under the 1982 Labrador Air/Marine Services Agreement the Government of Canada provided funding to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to restore the airstrips along the Labrador coast to ensure that operational capability is maintained at levels necessary to meet Transport Canada Airport Certification requirements. (Funds provided under the Labrador Coast Airstrips Restoration Program). How much has the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador received under this program during the past five years (2014-19), and how much was spent on each the north Labrador coast airstrips, with the exception of Natuashish?

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for Transportation and Works to provide access to the requested information. In accordance with your request for a list of the records, the appropriate information is as follows:

- In response to part one, \$420,861.75 has been collected in the timeframe requested. This revenue is not put directly back into the Department as this is a provincial source of revenue which is collected and put into the 'general revenue account' in the Department of Finance.
- In response to part two, the Revenue received during this time period was \$4,727,343. Please see the table below for the breakdown of location and amounts spent on each Airstrip (excluding operational costs).

<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Black Tickle	3,775.00
Cartwright	877,900.61
Charlottetown	748,807.99
Hopedale	208,248.09
Makkovik	229,647.09
Mary's Harbour	790,739.99
Nain	591,273.09
Port Hope Simpson	611,968.56
Postville	301,341.09
Rigolet	202,176.99
St. Lewis	520,159.99
William's Harbour	3,775.00

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 copy of this section of the *Act* has been enclosed for your reference). 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* (a copy of this section of the *Act* has been enclosed for your reference).

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 contact me by telephone at 709-729-5351 or by email at ATTW@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Angela McIntyre
ATIPP Coordinator

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).