August 23, 2019

Dear [Redacted]:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: SNL-099-2019]

On August 21, 2019, Service NL received your request for access to the following records/information:

On July 03-2019 the NL Government announced that it will seek representatives from various Government Depts. (see list below in Govt’ release notes). I am requesting the names of the person(s) chosen to be representatives on this committee and the title of the committee positions they will / do hold. Thank you.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED: Valentine Gold Project (Reg. 2015) Proponent: Marathon Gold Corporation On June 13, 2019, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment advised the proponent that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for the project. An Environmental Assessment Committee has been appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister and to prepare draft guidelines for conducting the EIS. The Environmental Assessment Committee includes representation from the following provincial government agencies: Municipal Affairs and Environment o Environment Branch

Environmental Assessment Division (Chairperson) Pollution Prevention Division Water Resources Management Division o Climate Change Branch Department of Natural Resources o Mines Branch o Energy Branch Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation o Provincial Archaeology Office o Sector Diversification Division Fisheries and Land Resources Executive Council o Office for the Status of Women Health and Community Services o Public Health Division Environment and Climate Change Canada o Environmental Protection Operations Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada o Habitat Protection Division Transport Canada o Environmental Affairs and Aboriginal Consultation Unit

Please be advised that Service NL has reviewed this request and has no records responsive to your request.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (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.
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 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 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 feel free to contact me by telephone at 709-729-0071 or by e-mail at FrankWalsh@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

FRANK WALSH  
ATIPP Coordinator  
Service NL
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).