January 18, 2016

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (File # NR-001-2016)

This is to confirm that on January 4, 2016, The Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

All briefing materials prepared for the new minister in any and all formats, including but not limited to electronic and written form.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Natural Resources to provide access to some of the requested information.

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate web address has been provided.


Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

Sec 27 Cabinet Confidence
Sec 29 Policy Advice or Recommendations
Sec 30 Legal Advice
Sec 35 Disclosure Harmful to the Financial or Economic Interests of a Public Body
Sec 39(2) Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, 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. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal 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

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 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 Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 729-1651 or by e-mail at reneependergast@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Réneé Pendergast
Departmental ATIPP Coordinator