May 14, 2019

Dear [Name],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: MAE/100/2019]

On May 6, 2019, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment received your request for access to the following records/information:

I wish to obtain all costs incurred for the 2018-2019 Winter season by the government of NL for searching and/or rescuing any distressed snowmobiler.

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

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment conducted one search for a distressed snowmobiler during the 2018-19 winter season. This search started on February 1, 2019 in the Jackson's Arm area and had an associated cost for contract helicopter services of $3,566.05.

Please note that the Department of Health and Community Services may respond in cases where a snowmobiler is in medical distress.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy 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 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:

P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL, Canada A1B 4J6  709 729 5677  709 729 0943  www.gov.nl.ca
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 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 709-729-7183 or by e-mail at ryancollins@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

RYAN COLLINS
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Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment