January 19, 2016

Dear [s.40(1)]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: PRE/33/2015]

On December 18, 2015, the Premier’s Office received your request for access to the following records/information:

“All communications (including telephone calls, faxes, emails and notes) between cabinet members and Premier’s Office 48 hours post swearing in ceremony.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Premier’s Office to provide access to the requested information with the only exception being personal information, which has been removed in accordance with subsection 40(1) of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act), which states:

40.(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party’s personal privacy.

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 copies have been enclosed.

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 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. 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

P.O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL, Canada A1B 4J6 t 709.729.3570 f 709.729.5875
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. 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. 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)729-3570 or by e-mail at joybuckle@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joy Buckle
ATIPP Coordinator

Enc.
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).
Hi there

Cory is looking to speak to each of you individually about how you are feeling after today’s swearing in – the challenges ahead, priorities etc.

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His number is 637-4680. He was hoping to speak with you each individually before 6:30.

If you’d like to discuss please call me at 401

Have a great evening

Nancy
Got it

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From: Parsons, Andrew
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 6:21 PM
To: O'Connor, Nancy
Subject: RE: Quick interview request from Cory Hurley at Western Star

Good, very generic, high level.

Andrew K. Parsons
MHA, Burgeo-La Poile

From: O'Connor, Nancy
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 6:21 PM
To: Parsons, Andrew
Subject: Re: Quick interview request from Cory Hurley at Western Star

Awesome - how did it go?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Parsons, Andrew
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 6:20 PM
To: O'Connor, Nancy
Subject: RE: Quick interview request from Cory Hurley at Western Star

Done now

Andrew K. Parsons
MHA, Burgeo-La Poile

From: O'Connor, Nancy
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 6:17 PM
To: Parsons, Andrew
Subject: Re: Quick interview request from Cory Hurley at Western Star

Great

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From: Parsons, Andrew
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 6:16 PM
To: O'Connor, Nancy
Subject: RE: Quick interview request from Cory Hurley at Western Star

Got it
From: O'Connor, Nancy  
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 4:53 PM  
To: Parsons, Andrew; 'gerry@gerrybyrne.ca'; Joyce, Eddie; Mitchelmore, Christopher  
Subject: Quick interview request from Cory Hurley at Western Star

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Have a great evening

Nancy
Sending along the article in today's Western Star. Thank you for doing this on short notice yesterday. Great job

http://m.thewesternstar.com/News/Local/2015-12-15/article-4375745/Four-west-coast-MHAs-in-new-cabinet/1

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Fyi

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From: Burt, Paula <paulaburt@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 8:03 AM
To: Parsons, Kelvin; Tim Murphy
Cc: Mullaley, Julia
Subject: Re: Division of Immigration

Advanced Education and Skills.

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From: Parsons, Kelvin
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 10:27 PM
To: Burt, Paula; Tim Murphy
Cc: Mullaley, Julia
Subject: Fw: Division of Immigration

Not sure on this. Thoughts?
KP

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From: Bennett, Cathy (MHA) <CBennett@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 9:42 PM
To: Parsons, Kelvin
Subject: Division of Immigration

Who has responsibility for this?

Cathy
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Thanks.

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From: Parsons, Kelvin
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 8:08 AM
To: Crocker, Steve
Subject: Re: P’s meeting with [redacted] 40(1)

Sure

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From: Crocker, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:44 AM
To: Parsons, Kelvin
Subject: Re: P’s meeting with [redacted] 40(1)

Unfortunately can’t do 10. Can can we do 1:30?

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From: Parsons, Kelvin
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:42 AM
To: Crocker, Steve
Subject: Re: P’s meeting with [redacted] 40(1)

Yes. Drop up around 10?

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From: Crocker, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:40 AM
To: Parsons, Kelvin
Subject: Re: P’s meeting with [redacted] 40(1)

Morning,

Would you have some time to meeting today before or following our meeting to follow up on our conversation from last night.

Steve.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
From: Parsons, Kelvin
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:24 AM
To: Crocker, Steve
Subject: P’s meeting with [REDACTED]

F'ton trip off due to weather so meeting with [REDACTED] will not be happening at this time.
KP

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Miles, Peter

From: Miles, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 9:04 AM
To: Bennett, Cathy (MHA)
Subject: RE: City of St. John's Budget

Just tried you. You can get me when you're free. My new office number is 3581

From: Bennett, Cathy (MHA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 8:18 AM
To: Miles, Peter
Subject: City of St. John's Budget

Peter, will you give me a quick call today re this item, please.

Thanks,
Cathy
Miles, Peter

From: Miles, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 11:43 AM
To: Parsons, Andrew; Parsons, Kelvin; Murphy, Tim
Subject: RE: caucus chair and whip

Ok. I'm working on this now. Will need confirmation of the names.

From: Parsons, Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 11:27 AM
To: Miles, Peter; Parsons, Kelvin; Murphy, Tim
Subject: Re: caucus chair and whip

Have someone prepare the letter for me and I will sign it forthwith.

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From: Miles, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:36 AM
To: Parsons, Kelvin; Murphy, Tim
Cc: Parsons, Andrew
Subject: caucus chair and whip

Sandra Barnes informed me that she needs a letter from the Government House leader indicating the names for Caucus Chair and Whip. The sooner she gets this, the sooner she can get it set up in payroll.
Sure. 12:30 works.

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From: Bennett, Cathy (MHA)  
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:41 PM  
To: Parsons, Kelvin  
Subject: Staff discussions  

Kelvin,  
Wondering if we might chat tomorrow about two staff questions I have please? Also, I have an EA name. Wondering if I might pop up and discuss it face to face with you? Sometime between 12:30 & 3 might work for me.

Cathy  

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Will do. Out to dinner right now. Will be 9:30 or so?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on theBell network.
Dwight Ball
MHA District of Humber Valley
Leader of the Official Opposition

Sent Smartphone BBM Q10

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 12:09 PM
To: Ball, Dwight
Cc: Premier; Joyce, Eddie; Kelland, Donna; Vardy, Butch; Meaney, Milly; Grandy, Jonathan; Young, Jason
Subject: Premier Ball

Please read attached

Thanks
December 15, 2015

Premier Dwight Ball

Good Day Premier Ball and congratulations! I know you have more important things on your agenda right now than our personal problem, but it is very important to us and we have been fighting this battle for over 15 months now with the previous Premier and his cabinet ministers. Jason Young was involved with some it over the past 15 months and I will try and make a long story short.

To date, nothing has been done with this. Only stall tactics on the part of the previous government and cabinet ministers.

I must tell you that it is not fair to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. The people of Newfoundland and Labrador voted for you with the understanding you would not be asking them to pay for the mistakes of the previous government. You will only be found guilty of commissions for not processing the request for半年 and no action, tells us the answers.

Cannot believe the previous government was so willing to spend our personal money instead of enforcing their own rules, regulations and policies.

Something is definitely not right!
I cannot believe what we have had to go through the past year and half and thus I now look to our new government and cabinet ministers to rectify our situation. We are not asking you to do anything except enforce your own rules, regulations and policies.

Sincerely,
O'Connor, Nancy

From: O'Connor, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 8:04 AM
To: Siobhan Coady
Subject: Re: Can I call you? What number? Thanks

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From: Siobhan Coady
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 8:01 AM
To: O'Connor, Nancy
Subject: Can I call you? What number? Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry - the most secure mobile device - via the Bell Network
Fleming, Jeanette

Subject: Minister Bennett
Location: Premier's Office

Start: Wed 12/16/2015 10:30 AM
End: Wed 12/16/2015 11:00 AM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Fleming, Jeanette
Required Attendees: Ball, Dwight; Bennett, Cathy (MHA); Parsons, Kelvin (kparsons@gov.nl.ca); Murphy, Tim; O'Connor, Nancy; Miles, Peter (PeterMiles@gov.nl.ca); Buckle, Joy