Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (File # NR-199-2019)

On October 1, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

Please provide agendas, minutes or meeting notes, email or correspondence related to any and all meetings between January 1, 2018 and October 1, 2019 between Synergy World Power and Newfoundland and Labrador’s Ministry of Natural Resources and/or Fisheries and Land Resources and/or The Town of Lewisporte, and/or the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor related to the proposed Terra Nova Energy Facility (Plastic to Liquid Fuel refinery). Please also provide all documents discussed at these meetings.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to the requested records. The responsive records are attached.

We are providing access to the most information possible but have made redactions in accordance with Sections 29(1)(a) and 35(1)(d)(f)(g) of ATIPPA, 2015 as follows:

29. (1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister;

35. (1)(d) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in the premature disclosure of a proposal or project or in significant loss or gain to a third party.

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35. (1)(f) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which positions, plans, procedures, criteria or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the government of the province or a public body, or considerations which relate to those negotiations;

35. (1)(g) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the financial or economic interest of the government of the province or a public body.

As set out in section 42 of the Act you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the department’s decision to provide access to the requested information. 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 request should identify your concerns with the department’s response and why you are requesting a review.

The request for review may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
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Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after receiving the department’s decision.

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.
For further details about how an access to information request is processed, please refer to the Access to Information Policy and Procedures Manual at http://www.atipp.gov.nl.ca/info/index.html.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or rhynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Rod Hynes

Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator
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Please invite those in email below as well as Dan Michielsen for 11:00 Thursday.

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Thanks Ted

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Subject: Synergy World Power

Team,

There will be a meeting with Synergy World Power on Thursday. They are looking to produce bio-fuels from waste in the Lewisporte area. I am getting additional detail which I will share shortly. I am copying Judith and Micheal as a heads up. Thanks

Ted

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Subject: Synergy World Power/Terra Nova Renewable Energy

Good afternoon Minister Coady & Trimper,

On July 25th officials from the Department of Natural Resources and Municipal Affairs & Environment met with representatives of Synergy World Power and Terra Nova Renewable Energy concerning their proposed plan to develop a biomass waste-to-energy and plastic-to-liquid fuels plant near the community of Lewisporte. (See attached presentation)

The investors are visiting the Province again during the week of September 16 – 20, 2019 and is requesting a follow up meeting with officials, with the hope that both Ministers can also be present.

A meeting has also been requested with the Premier to be done in conjunction or separately during their visit.

This investment would be very beneficial to all of Central Newfoundland and resolve the waste plastic issue in our Province.

Please feel free to reach out to me to further discuss their proposal and your availability to meet.

Thank you in advance,

Derek Bennett
MHA Lewisporte-Twillingate District
Parliamentary Secretary – Children, Seniors & Social Development
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Good morning,
Thank you for taking the time on Wednesday to meet with representatives of World Synergy Power/Terra Nova Renewable Resources along with myself.
Attached is the information sheet that was presented in the power point presentation, other aspects of the presentation should have been received in previous email.
As indicated in the presentation, World Synergy Power has included the proposed Lewisporte Project on their website and over the weekend it has been getting a lot of attention in this area through facebook. The following is the link being shared.
https://www.synergyworldpower.com/new-foundland/

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or if you would like to meet to further discuss.

Regards,

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