

April 5, 2019



**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: PRE/23/2019]**

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On March 20, 2019 the Premier's Office received your request for access to the following records/information:

*"Requesting any Information / Correspondence / Briefings etc... regarding a mining exploration company operating in Central Newfoundland known as Marathon Gold - for period of February 01-2019 to the current date."*

Please be advised that a decision has been made by the Chief of Staff of the Premier's Office to provide access to the information requested, with the exception of personal information, which has been removed in accordance with Section 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.*

You may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this response, 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 response and why you are submitting the appeal. Contact information for 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 this response, pursuant to section 52 of the *Act* (a copy of this section of the *Act* has been enclosed for your reference).

This response will be published as outlined on the Completed Access to Information Requests website. (<http://atipp-search.gov.nl.ca/>) 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](mailto:joybuckle@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Joy Buckle  
ATIPP Coordinator  
Enclosure

## **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).

**Buckle, Joy**

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**From:** Premier of NL  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:30 PM  
**To:** Nippard, Melissa  
**Subject:** HPE Records Manager Signed or PDF Copy of Record : ICOR2019/0120-16 : ICOR2019/0120-16 - [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** Additional Email from [REDACTED] Stop The Eagleridge Gold Mine Project.MSG

Hi Melissa,

Attached is an email from [REDACTED] to your Minister asking some questions regarding the Mining Industry in this province.

Would you please copy the Premier on the Minister's response, if it is determined a response is required, by emailing it to premier@gov.nl.ca.

Regards,

Marian Glavine

-----< HPE Records Manager record Information >-----

Record Number: ICOR2019/0120-16

Title : Additional Email from [REDACTED] - Stop The Eagleridge Gold Mine Project

**Buckle, Joy**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:51 AM  
**To:** Natural Resources Minister; Letto, Graham  
**Cc:** Premier of NL; Crosbie, Ches; Rogers, Gerry; VOCM Openline [REDACTED];  
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca; mdwyer@ntv.ca; letters@thetelegram.com; [REDACTED]  
Sheppard, Kevin; Michael, Lorraine; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Stop The Eagleridge Gold Mine Project  
**Attachments:** Mandate\_MinisterCoady.pdf; Mandate\_PremierBall.pdf; Mandate\_MinisterLetto.pdf

[Attachments \(mandate letters of Minister Coady, Premier Ball and Minister Letto\)](#) are not included as they are available at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cabinet-ministers/>

Good day to All (Siobhan Coady)

A few questions about our mining industry in Nfld today.

#1 Is it true? to date we have no central inventory for contaminated mine sites in Nfld. or any contaminated sites, mines or otherwise,, If we do not , how do we know what environmental issues we have,,what the costs are to address,, what is our safeguard with no monitoring,, no inspections,and no compiled list.Simply put where are we??????

#2 While searching Hopebrook Gold Mine, I have seen various figures from govt , remediation costs for Hope Brook ranging from 10 million dollars to 37 million dollars,, what steps have been taken ,, what inspection are being done at that site today,, regarding the thousands of cubic meters in a holding pond of toxic waste. Royal Oak Mines went bankrupt and we carry the cost. We are looking at a proposal from Marathon Gold , to start up the Hopebrook site and we have not addressed the environmental issues from the past operator. This ,, is why its costing 1.2 billion dollars to clean up Giant Mine In Yellow knife today. This same arrogance from the depts that regulate it.

#3 What is the situation now with Gullbridge Mine in South Brook.

#4 Newfoundland is being looked at worldwide,( not surprisingly its a free for all) for a place to do business in the mining sector,,we may be ready for the interest of big business,, we are far from ready for the protection of the public,, protection of the environment,,if we have not cleaned up the past, if we dont know how much we have to clean up from the past, and today we are still approving projects without proper controls,those are directly responsible, those that have a mandate to protect the public, those that condone it, I hope all are held accountable soon, you have my word.

#5 There are many more atrocities to mention,, but we will leave that for another time. 2019 shameful,, we have but one environment to take clean water from,,to breath in,,the past has been ignored. Arrogance prevails,,is their no moral shame,no thought of future generations.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]