January 19, 2016

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: PRE/34/2015]

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) to/from Cabinet Ministers, Premier, Premier’s staff that relate to the Labrador and Aboriginal affairs portfolio from December 14th - December 18th 2015.”

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(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

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,

Joy Buckle  
ATIPP Coordinator

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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.

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(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 Dwight, I wish to offer you my sincerest congratulations on your cabinet! I am pleased that you have deemed to have the Aboriginal Affairs under your direct purview!
I am disappointed though that there are no Aboriginals selected to serve in your cabinet!
I wish you well as we build a better tomorrow for NL.

Cheers

Sent from my iPhone
Fyi

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Dempster, Lisa <LisaDempster@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 8:10 PM
To: Ball, Dwight; Miles, Peter
Subject: Labrador

Good evening Premier Ball;

While some unrest is playing out in Labrador with the fear that the Labrador file may not get the attention it needs on an already busy plate I'm sure once the Labrador MHA's get back on the ground we can counter some of that with the value in having Labrador issues handled directly by the Premier.

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I would also like to suggest that maybe one morning a month or more frequent if possible all Labrador MHA's have the opportunity to meet and discuss issues, priority areas, and where possible acceptable resolutions.

I especially want to engage in some early discussion on the necessity for road tenders to get out in January. Also wondering how we deal with the road situation in the Labrador Straits. Cold patching in December is ludicrous and it doesn't last hours even anymore. It's simply gone to pieces. This area is especially known for black fog and the miles of jagged pot holes are very life threatening. While in opposition I've petitioned relentlessly for resurfacing and would like to know if we will be addressing this pressing need to the existing infrastructure before we pursue the road north. I am very pleased to hear our government is contemplating road extension to North coast but want to stress it is critical that we see what can be done with that 40 year old stretch of pavement on Route 510 from LAC to Pinware or Red Bay prior.

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Lisa Dempster, MHA
Cartwright L'Anse au Clair
1 800 286 9118

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
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From: Miles, Peter
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 11:50 AM
To: Dempster, Lisa; Ball, Dwight
Cc: Browne, Mark
Subject: RE: Labrador

Yes, the DM is Aubrey Gover aubreygover@gov.nl.ca

From: Dempster, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 11:49 AM
To: Ball, Dwight; Miles, Peter
Cc: Browne, Mark
Subject: Re: Labrador

Thank you Premier for the reply. DM- Would that still be Aubrey Gover?
And yes I will do that. He sat in on alerting I had this morning with Minister of TW.

Welcome Mark. Good choice. You will do well.

Lisa Dempster, MHA
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Hi Lisa,
Thanks for the email, I agree that once a month we can set up a regular meeting and of course more often if we have an emerging issue, the issues you have mentioned are ones I am very familiar with and look forward to addressing in consultation with you and other MHAs.

You should copy the DM on these emails and I will also be assigning Mark Browne, MHA Bellevue-Placentia West to be my Parliamentary Asst, he will help us move files through the system

Reach out at any time
Dwight

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Cartwright L’Anse au Clair  
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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
Fleming, Jeanette

From: Murphy, Tim  
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 9:44 PM  
To: Parsons, Kelvin  
Cc: Fleming, Jeanette  
Subject: Re: Combined Councils of Labrador Meeting Request

I will ask Virginia to get this letter ready for Premier's signature tomorrow.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Parsons, Kelvin  
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 3:22 PM  
To: Murphy, Tim  
Cc: Fleming, Jeanette  
Subject: FW: Combined Councils of Labrador Meeting Request

We need this in our invitation basket for decisions. In his capacity as being responsible for Lab & Ab Affairs she should be there.

Kelvin

From: Gover, Aubrey  
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 3:07 PM  
To: Parsons, Kelvin; Fleming, Jeanette  
Subject: Combined Councils of Labrador Meeting Request

Please find attached a meeting request from the Combined Councils of Labrador and a suggested reply. I assume, if the reply is satisfactory, it will be signed and sent by the Premier's Office, and a copy of the signed original reply will be sent back to me. It is customary for the CCL to meet with Ministers around this time of year. I would suggest arranging the meetings with the Ministers first and then having a concluding meeting with the Premier. At this time, it is uncertain whether there will be a CCL Annual General Meeting in 2016. Any questions, of course, please contact me.

Aubrey Gover  
Deputy Minister  
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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December ??, 2015

Mr. Didier Naulleau, Master Warrant Officer (Retired)
President, Combined Councils of Labrador
P.O Box 132
Mary’s Harbour, NL
A0K 3PO

Dear Mr. Naulleau:

I am writing to reply to your letter, dated December 13, 2015, on behalf of the Combined Councils of Labrador, which requests meetings with several Ministers and me to discuss issues of importance to Labrador.

I would like to thank the Combined Councils of Labrador for the expression of congratulations on the election of the new administration, which I have the honour of leading. The new administration, along with the Members of the House of Assembly from Labrador, looks forward to working with the Combined Councils of Labrador to address the issues of Labrador.

As stated in my mandate letter “I will also work to support the economic and social development of Labrador and its residents, and will ensure that the unique perspectives of this region are considered when making government decisions and delivering provincial government programs and services.”

Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs officials will assist in arranging the meetings as per your request. In an effort to organize these meetings, a list of issues you wish to discuss would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Michelle Watkins, Director of Labrador Affairs by email michellewatkins@gov.nl.ca or telephone 896-1780 on meeting arrangements.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball
Premier
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs

cc: Siobhan Coady, Minister of Natural Resources
Dr. John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services
Al Hawkins, Minister of Transportation and Works
Perry Trimmer, Minister of Environment and Conservation, MHA Lake Melville
Lisa Dempster, MHA Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair
Randy Edmunds, MHA Torngat Mountains
Graham Letto, MHA Labrador West
December 13th 2015

Dear Premier Ball

The Combined Councils of Labrador (CCL) want to congratulate you and your team on your recent election win. The Combined Councils look forward to working with you and your ministers to advance the many outstanding issues that affect Labrador.

The Combined Councils of Northern Labrador was formed in 1972 when the communities of Nain, Makkovik, Davis Inlet and Hopedale met for an inaugural conference to address issues that were similar in each municipality. Together, as a united voice, they lobbied government officials for improvements in their region. In 1979, the Combined Councils of Labrador met in North West River and expanded to include all communities in Labrador, forever changing the face of Labrador politics. In January of 2007 the Combined Councils of Labrador held its Annual General Meeting in the community of Nain, Nunatsiavut. It was at this meeting (the 35th Annual) that the member communities in attendance voted to amend the Combined Councils of Labrador Constitution to include any incorporated Municipality, Local Service District or permanently recognized community or Aboriginal Community Government and/or First Nations Community (incorporated either by, or under, a special or general act of the legislature) as members of the Combined Councils of Labrador. Each Municipal, Community Government Member, or permanently recognized community and/or First Nations Community of the Combined Councils of Labrador shall select its own representative(s) to participate in the activities of the Combined Councils of Labrador.

Each year the Combined Councils of Labrador arrange and meet with Government Ministers and officials to address current issues within Labrador and to follow up on the resolutions passed at the yearly AGM.

Early in the New Year, CCL need to meet with you and your ministers to obtain your position and your potential commitment on the issues plaguing Labrador. CCL is eager to develop and foster a strong and lasting relationship between your government and the communities of Labrador. You have already obtained the support of our People – Our People now need yours!
We also request the support of our Labrador MHAs at these meetings. The Ministers we want to meet with are:
- Minister of Transportation and Works;
- Minister of Environment and Conservation;
- Minister of Natural Resources;
- Minister of Health and Community Services; and
- Yourself, as Minister for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs.

I want to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and await a favourable reply. If you require any further information concerning this matter or want to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely...

Master Warrant Officer (Retired)
Didier Naulleau
Mayor, Town of Pinware, NL
President, Combined Councils of Labrador
Ph/Fx: (709) 927-5422; or
Ph: (709) 927-5824

CC: Minister Perry Trimper – MHA for Lake Melville,
    Minister of Environment and Conservation
    Lisa Dempster- MHA for Cartwright – L’anse au Clair
    Graham Letto – MHA for Labrador West
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