November 25, 2019

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: MAE/216/2019]

On October 25, 2019, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment received your request for access to the following records/information:

"All emails sent/received from Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Assistant Deputy Ministers re Young Liberals from 2015 to present."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment to provide access to some of the requested information.

However, certain text contained within the records has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (the Act):

Section 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
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 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 DesireeNewman@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Desirée Newman

DESIREE NEWMAN
ATIPP Coordinator
Municipal Affairs and Environment

Enclosures
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).
Hello Minister Trimper,

On behalf of the Newfoundland & Labrador Young Liberals, I would like to formally invite you to our fundraiser, held on March 16th, 2016. This fundraiser is an effort to send members of NLYL to the federal Liberal convention, hosted in Winnipeg in May.

The fundraiser will be taking place at MHA Cathy Benetts House, located on [redacted].

The date is Wednesday, March 16th, 2016
Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Tickets are $60.00 each.

To purchase a ticket please call our President, Adam Quirk [redacted] or by email: [redacted]

Please see attachment below for invitation;

Thank you in advance and have yourself a wonderful weekend!

Michael Pike
VP Provincial,
Newfoundland & Labrador Young Liberals
NLYL
WINE & CHEESE
Hosted by the Young Liberals

Join us Wednesday, March 16th
7:00PM–8:30PM

Home of MHA Cathy Bennett
Tickets are $60
Hello Minister Trimper,

You may remember me from the Chinese New Year event and a few other events around the party, my name is [redacted]. I am emailing you because I am trying to get as many young people involved with the campaign, and since your AGM is coming up that is a perfect opportunity to speak to any young people that may attend, since I am unable to attend, would it be possible to get the names of any young people who attended or you know of in the district?

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Thank you,

[redacted]
Dear Member of the House of Assembly,

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We believe that she has the necessary skills to act as an effective non-partisan agent of the House, we believe that it is important that we elevate women to positions of power in our democratic institutions, and we believe that it is now time to allow the position of speaker to be represented by a woman for the first time in Newfoundland and Labrador’s history.

Find attached a written document file containing this message. Please consider our request that you vote for Pam Parsons when the House opens for a Speaker election.

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Memorial University Young Liberals

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Firstly, Perry Trimper is an exceptional Member of the House of Assembly, and we always felt as though he would make an outstanding Speaker. The letter was not to negate his qualifications or great potential. We chose to write a letter of support for Pam. As a voice of equality and progressive politics in the party, we wish to elevate and empower women who seek leadership roles. For Newfoundland and Labrador to have elected a female Speaker would have been a monumental accomplishment for the House of Assembly as a whole, and we believe that Pam was also an outstanding candidate to be Speaker of the House.

We in no way intended to appear to disrespect your choice of preferred candidate, as it was an admirable one. As you are fully aware, there is not a level playing field for women in politics, especially for those seeking leadership positions. After you had given her your blessing, we felt it was our responsibility to encourage and help Pam in the small way that we could. If this was interpreted as subverting your influence or leadership of the party, we stress this was not our intention. We have utmost respect for the Newfoundland and Labrador Liberal Caucus.

We hope this has clarified our message and intent. If there are any concerns moving forward, we would love to work with any individual or the caucus as a whole in a proactive manner. We look forward to continuing the strong friendship we have developed with the Newfoundland and Labrador Liberal Caucus.

Sincerely,

Memorial University Young Liberals (federal executive)
Young Liberals of Canada- Newfoundland and Labrador

P.S. You can find attached to this email a copy of this statement as a PDF document.
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Confederation Building, East Block  
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St. John's, NL  
A1B 4J6

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