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December 4, 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/222/2019]

On November 5, 2019, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment received your request for access to the following records/information:

“A list of briefing materials prepared for the deputy minister or the minister for the month of October 2019.”

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 27(1)(i): “The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant a portion of a record which contains information about the contents of a record within a class of information referred to (a) to (h)”

Section 27(2)(a): “The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant a cabinet record”

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 atippmae@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.

(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).

MAE/222/2019 - List of Briefing Notes for October 2019	
TITLE	Type of Document
Minister Meeting with the Town of Triton	Meeting Note
Minister Meeting with the Town of Harbour Grace	Meeting Note
Minister Meeting with Town of Grand Bank	Meeting Note
Minister Meeting with Gander River Ecosystem Corporation	Meeting Note
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Bunyan's Cove Fire Protection Vehicle	Decision Note
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Update on Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Program	Information Note
Response to Federal Request for Information Regarding Carbon Taxation post April 1, 2020	Information Note
Call Verifiaton / Limited Dispatch in Call Transfer Protocol	Decision / Direction Note
Approval and Registration of St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan Amendment No. 3, 2018 1639-1641 Conception Bay Highway, Seal Cove, CBS	Decision/Direction Note