

December 5, 2019



**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-234-2019)**

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On November 13, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

**From NR-231-2019 the Meeting Note "Meeting with Growler Energy"**

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)(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.

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  
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

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](mailto:rhynes@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



Rod Hynes  
ATIPP Coordinator

**Meeting Note**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Meeting with Growler Energy**  
**October 3, 2019, 2pm**  
**Minister's Boardroom, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Natural Resources Building**

**Attendees:** Greg Fleming, President and CEO, Growler Energy (Growler)  
 Chad Butler, Chief Financial Officer, Growler  
 Catherine Warren, VP Stakeholder Relations & Communications, Growler  
 Honourable Siobhan Coady, Minister of Natural Resources (NR)  
 Ted Lemond, Deputy Minister, NR  
 Corey Snook, Director of Electricity and Alternative Energy  
 Christine Boland, Manager of Electricity Markets and Alternative Energy

**Purpose of Meeting:**

- Meeting at Growler's request to provide NR with an overview of their new partnership with Canadian Projects Limited and Landsvirkjun Power.

**Background:**

- Growler's website indicates they are renewable energy company focused on coastal and industry project developments, with a primary focus on wind and water, and also offer specialized professional engineering services.
- Growler has partnered with Landsvirkjun Power and C&T Enterprises to form a Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) registered joint venture development company for projects in the province. [REDACTED]
 

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- Landsvirkjun Power provides expertise in the development and operation of renewable power projects, with a main emphasis on hydro and geothermal. Landsvirkjun Power is a subsidiary of Landsvirkjun - Iceland's largest electricity generator which owns and operates 14 hydroelectric and three geothermal power stations with an installed capacity of approximately 2,000 megawatts (MW).
- In 2003, Landsvirkjun started international activities with projects in Albania and in Greenland. In 2008, all international hydropower, geothermal and transmission projects were brought under the subsidiary of, Landsvirkjun Power. Their activities include project management, as well as the refurbishment and upgrades of existing power facilities. Landsvirkjun Power is seeking to expand its international activities.
- C&T Enterprises is a heavy equipment and shipping company. The company was founded in the 1990s and is based on Forteau, Labrador.
- Growler has also secured Canadian Projects Limited (CPL) as the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CPL was established in 1999 and is a specialty consulting engineering and project management firm providing services to the small wind and water power industry. CPL has offices in NL, Ontario and Alberta.
 

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**Agenda item #1: Growler’s wind and water hybrid energy proposal for southern Labrador**

Analysis

- During summer 2019, Growler submitted a proposal under NR and NLH’s expressions of interest for renewable energy solutions in 14 of the province’s regulated isolated diesel-powered electricity systems.

- Growler’s proposal, [REDACTED]

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- Growler proposes [REDACTED]

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- Mary’s Harbour already has a renewable energy project under construction including 240 kilowatt (kW) of hydro, 250 kW of solar photovoltaics, and 500kW of lithium-ion battery storage. The plant will supply Mary’s Harbour and Lodge Bay and is anticipated to displace up to 300,000 litres of diesel annually. Construction is expected to be complete summer 2020.

- NR and NLH have reviewed the 22 EOI proposals. Next steps are currently being finalized for Ministerial review, including [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This information has not yet been communicated to the proponents.

- To NR staff knowledge, Growler has not developed any renewable energy projects in the province.

Potential Speaking Points

- Our government is committed to seeking renewable energy solutions for the province’s regulated isolated diesel systems.
- An industry-led approach is critical, which is why we issued an EOI in April that allowed proponents to develop proposals that leverage their respective expertise and creativity.
- This EOI closed on July 22 and the department has held multiple discussions and meetings with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to evaluate the proposals.
- The department is currently finalizing an approach to next steps which may include screening interviews of the most promising proposals, and/or a future request for proposals.

Proposed Actions:

Will update Growler and remaining EOI proponents, as appropriate.



**Prepared/Approved by:** C. Boland/ C. Snook

**Ministerial Approval:**