February 6, 2020

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (File # NR-11-2020)

On January 8, 2020 the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

Please provide all correspondence and/or emails relating to the Bull Arm Fabrication site for the period of November 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. In addition, please provide copies of all contracts with external contractors for the Bull Arm Fabrication Site for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

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 Section 40(1) of ATIPPA, 2015 and Sections 5.4(1)(a), (b), (c)(i)(ii)(iii), and d(i)(ii) of the Energy Corporation Act as follows:

ATIPPA, 2015:

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.
**Energy Corporation Act:**

Records of commercially sensitive information

5.4 (1) Notwithstanding section 7 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015, in addition to the information that shall or may be refused under Part II, Division 2 of that Act, the chief executive officer of the corporation or a subsidiary, or the head of another public body,

(a) may refuse to disclose to an applicant under that Act commercially sensitive information of the corporation or the subsidiary; and

(b) shall refuse to disclose to an applicant under that Act commercially sensitive information of a third party

where the chief executive officer of the corporation or the subsidiary to which the requested information relates, taking into account sound and fair business practices, reasonably believes

(c) that the disclosure of the information may

   (i) harm the competitive position of,

   (ii) interfere with the negotiating position of, or

   (iii) result in financial loss or harm to

       the corporation, the subsidiary or the third party; or

(d) that information similar to the information requested to be disclosed

   (i) is treated consistently in a confidential manner by the third party, or

   (ii) is customarily not provided to competitors by the corporation, the subsidiary or the third party.

I note that pages 37 and 38 have been redacted in full under the Energy Corporation Act as outlined above.

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.

Sincerely,

Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator
From: Darin King <dking@tradesnl.com>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Coady, Siobhan <siobhan_coady@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: John Leonard <iubac1@nf.sympatico.ca>; Bob Fiander <rfiander@ualocal740.ca>
Subject: Bull Arm

Good morning Minister.

First of all, congratulations on your appointment as Government House Leader – I know from experience you will find this position challenging yet rewarding. Wishing you all the best in this new role!

On another note, our council has been paying close attention to media reports lately that Bull Arm has been leased to DF Driver for work on a second oil rig.

As you are aware, our membership holds a strong attachment to this site, since its beginnings with the Hibernia project, through to our most recent project – Hebron. They have completed many projects – big and small – and look forward to further work opportunities in the future.

It is our understanding that Driver will be using an alternate labour solution (not building trades) for this work, and this is raising some concerns and questions by our council.

With this in mind, can you please provide some information on the following:

1. What is the nature/scope of work Driver will be completing on the incoming rig? Is it for one rig only or are there longer-term commitments between Driver and others for similar work?

2. What is the nature/details/length of the lease that Driver has signed with Government on the Bull Arm site (assuming media reports are accurate and there is a lease signed)?

We are fully supportive of developing Bull Arm as a site for rig maintenance/repair work – as we have said many times, we have the skilled workforce and expertise in the province to do much more with Bull Arm than we are currently. However, council believes the manner in which Driver is dealing with the labour supply for the site is leading to extreme unrest amongst workers, and in some cases anger, that building trades are deliberately being left off the site that we have worked so hard to develop. We have tried many times, but Driver seems intent on not speaking with us or using our workforce. In addition, this will do nothing to support the continued development of our workforce if our union halls – those who lead our world-class focus on training, safety, and
productivity – are cut out of the picture.

Minister, we would appreciate as much information as you can share on this to assist council in determining its next steps on this issue.

Once again, thanks for your assistance.

Regards,

Darin

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Darin King, PhD | Executive Director
Trades NL: Building Trades of Newfoundland & Labrador
80 Mews Place
St. John’s, NL

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From: Corey Parsons <cparsons@tradesnl.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 2:53 PM
To: Coady, Siobhan <SiobhanCoady@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Darin King <dking@tradesnl.com>; iubac1@nf.sympatico.ca
Subject: Meeting Request

Good-afternoon Minister,

Please see attached meeting request with Trades NL.

Thanking you in advance.

Corey

Corey T. Parsons
Manager of Communications & External Affairs
Building Trades of NL

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November 8, 2019

Honourable Siobhan Coady
Minister, Natural Resources
P.O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL
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Dear Minister Coady,

As a result of a meeting this morning among some of our union business managers, I was asked to coordinate an emergency meeting with both you Minister and Mr. Sean Power of DB Barnes. The intent of the meeting is to discuss the evolving situation at the Bull Arm Fabrication Facility, the scope of work, lease agreement and labour model, in an effort to seek a way forward that would include the building trades.

As outlined to you in our November 26, 2018 correspondence, the current labour model being used by DF Barnes is not acceptable to our membership, therefore, the labour unrest we are seeing lead by boots-on-the-ground trades women and men today.

As an organization, we commend DF Barnes for bringing new work to the province. The issue at point with our membership is that every project to date at the Bull Arm Site has been through the jurisdiction of the Building Trades, including two previous drill rig refits, until the latest two contracts by DF Barnes.

Trusting you will be available for this requested meeting. If there are any questions, feel free to reach out to me or President John Leonard at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Corey T. Parsons
Manager, External Affairs

Cc:/ Darin King
John Leonard
See attached.

From: Lesa O'Brien <Lesa@iuoe904.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Ball, Dwight <DwightBall@gov.nl.ca>; Coady, Siobhan <SiobhanCoady@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Terrence Hickey <Terrence@iuoe904.com>; Brad Tobin <brad@iuoe904.com>
Subject: Bull Arm Site

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached letter

Thank you

Lesa O'Brien
Operating Engineers, Local 904
Ph: (709) 747-9040; ext 200
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Email: Lesa@iuoe904.com
Website: www.iuoe904.com
Dear Premier Ball and Minister Coady:

On behalf of the Operating Engineers, Local 904 and the 2250 members we represent, I write seeking your engagement and intervention into the current issue facing us at the Bull Arm Fabrication Facility.

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Sincerely:

Terrence Hickey
Business Manager / President
FYI... See attached.

-----Original Message-----
From: Sheet Metal Workers <smw512@nf.aibn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:05 PM
To: Coady, Siobhan <siobhancoady@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Scanned from MFP-05433353 11/13/2019 13:15

Minister Coady:
Please see attached letter re the current issues facing us at the Bull Arm facility.
Respectfully,
Gerard Murphy,
Sheet Metal Workers, Local 512

-----Original Message-----
From: SHEET METAL WORKERS LU 512 [mailto:smw512@nf.aibn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Sheet Metal Workers
Subject: Scanned from MFP-05433353 11/13/2019 13:15

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November 13, 2019

The Honorable Siobhan Coady
Minister of Natural Resources
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Confederation Building, East Block
PO Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Dear Minister Coady:

On behalf of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Local 01 and the 700 members we represent, I write seeking your engagement and intervention into the current issue facing us at the Bull Arm Fabrication Facility.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

John Leonard
Business Manager
BAC Local 1, NL
November 13, 2019

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Dear Premier Ball and Minister Coady:

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Sincerely,

Richard Gill
President/Business Manager
Teamsters Union Local 855

RG:cmf
November 13, 2019

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BAC Local 1, NL
November 13, 2019

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Confederation Building, East Block  
PO Box 8700  
St. John’s, NL  
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Dear Premier Ball:

I write to respectfully request an opportunity to briefly meet with you to discuss recent labour activity by the NL Building Trades at the Bull Arm site. We categorically disagree with these tactics of entitlement and we wish to discuss a new competitive labour supply approach to attract investment and opportunities to our province.

We believe you understand the strong-arm tactics being employed and the unfounded sense of entitlement. We would appreciate an opportunity to fully explain our position and how we are working collaboratively and responsibly with industry and your government to create a favourable environment so Newfoundlanders and Labradorians can secure meaningful maintenance work in our province.

While others talk and talk, we are producing results by working in partnership to be competitive and responsible and thus captured work for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians on the West Aquarius oil rig and now the Transocean oil rig. We believe our approach can help the province secure work for our province so that more oil rigs see Bull Arm as a viable and preferred option.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to meeting with you. Should it be more convenient to meet in Deer Lake, please don't hesitate to suggest this location.

Yours truly,

[Name Redacted]
Regional Manager NL

cc. Peter Miles, Office of the Premier  
Deb Romero, EST  
Atlantic Canada Regional Council
Good Morning:

Please see attached letter.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Thanks,

**Natasha Marrie**

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November 13, 2019

Dear Premier Ball and Minister Coady:

On behalf of the Sheet Metal Workers, Local 512 and the 230 members we represent, I write seeking your engagement and intervention into the current issue facing us at the Bull Arm Fabrication Facility.

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Sincerely,

Gerard Murphy,
B.M./F.S. Local 512
Sheet Metal Workers
From: Richard Gill <RGill@teamstersL855.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 2:36 PM
To: Ball, Dwight <DwightBall@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Coady, Siobhan <SiobhanCoady@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Re Bull Arm

Please refer to attached letter,
Richard Gill
President
Teamsters Local 855
From: LSPU <president.lspu@nf.aibn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 10:47 PM
To: Coady, Siobhan <SiobhanCoady@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Osborne, Tom <tosborne@gov.nl.ca>; Trask, Doug <dougtrask@gov.nl.ca>; Ronald Pink <rpink@pinklarkin.com>; Pat Murphy <pmurphyila@gmail.com>
Subject: Jurisdiction issues

Siobhan,

It’s unfortunate that the Atlantic Accord doesn’t have enough protections for the worker’s of our Province. It doesn’t appear to have happened with the recent contract in Bull Arm. I hope there isn’t any longshore stevedore work being done in Bull Arm. Please remind Trades NL tomorrow when you meet with them, that the Teamsters are doing work in Argentia for substandard wages in our jurisdiction and the Labourers are doing it in Baybulls. They are not Marine Transport unions. We were here long before any of the Building Trades unions. A Newfoundland union that represents Newfoundlanders should be given first consideration to protect wages, our peoples standards and local interests in its jurisdiction. Also not sure if they realize DF BARNES is having trouble getting work in the Fife because of competitiveness and efficiencies in Singapore that is hard to compete with in Scotland. They are worried about protecting their standards that they have fought for through years of collective bargaining, well so are we. Perhaps we need a Provincial Marine Policy that recognizes community benefit agreements surrounding Port & Dock work. Dock workers should share in the benefit secured by the introduction of new methods of cargo handling and that, accordingly, action for the lasting improvement of their situation, by such means as regularisation of employment and salubrisation of income, and other measures relating to the conditions of work and life, as well as to safety and health aspects of dock work, should be planned and taken concurrently with the planning and introduction of new methods, and having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to social repercussions or social benefits of new methods of cargo handling (Dock work). The LSPU feels we are well positioned to help in these matters to keep our offshore industry competitive and efficient as we have done since the beginning of our offshore energy industry. All the best in the discussions with Trades NL tomorrow.

Sincerely

Chris Gosse
President
LSPU (I.L.A.) Local 1953
St. John’s, NL
https://lspu-ila1953.ca/
Dear Premier Ball and Minister Coady:

On behalf of the International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators and Allied Workers, Local 137 and the 177 members we represent, I write seeking your engagement and intervention into the current issue facing us at the Bull Arm Fabrication Facility.

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P.O. Box 100, 260 Harvey Street, Harbour Grace, NL, A0A 2M0
Telephone: (709) 596-1403  Fax: (709) 596-1404
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International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers
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Sincerely:

[Redacted]

Robert Hunt
Business Manager
Dear Premier Ball and Minister Coady:

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The move by DF Barnes will serve to weaken the presence of our unions on worksites, compromise the attraction of new apprentices to the skilled trades, inhibit our ability to retain and build upon our world class workforce, and will be devastating for the development of our industry as a whole. It is through our individual union leadership that we are able to adapt to contractor and industry needs, provide required training, and offer strong leadership to members on the worksite. The DF Barnes model eliminates the engagement of our local unions, and all the tangible benefits they continue to bring to major resource development jobs.

On behalf of my membership, I respectfully request an opportunity to meet, and for you to intervene and assist finding a solution to this important issue.

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St. John’s West
Minister
Bull Arm & Area Action Committee

November 21, 2019

Minister Siobhan Coady
Department of Natural Resources
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P.O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL A1B 4J6

Re: November 26, 2019 Meeting

Dear Minister Coady,

Thank you for accepting our meeting request. The Bull Arm & Area Action Committee (BAAAC) is comprised of representatives from municipalities and chambers of commerce in the vicinity of the Nalcor Bull Arm Fabrication site. The BAAAC represents approximately 17,000 residents and businesses in the area around the site.

The mandate of the committee is to liaise between the provincial government (the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry & Innovation (DTCII) and Nalcor) and the communities (residents, businesses and municipal councils) about the Nalcor Bull Arm Fabrication site.

As a smaller group, the four Towns in the immediate area of the Bull Arm Fabrication site have met with you on a couple of occasions, with the latest being this past spring. It has been over two years since the Hebron project was finished and there were discussions regarding a couple of companies that were interested in using the site.

The Committee met on November 19, 2019 to finalize a list of various questions and topics that we want to discuss with you during the meeting. As a result, we have prepared that list and are providing it to you in advance.

1. What is the work schedule for the next 1 – 5 years at the Bull Arm Fabrication site?
2. What has the provincial government done to progress large scale oil & gas companies to seek fabrication opportunities at the Bull Arm Fabrication site?
3. What are the timelines / time schedules in the marketing efforts and projected site utilization?

4. How has the labour movement affected the marketing of the Bull Arm Fabrication site for future development to large scale users?

5. The BAAAC was informed that Canadian Supply Base Company (CSBC) was interested in leasing the site for 25 years but was offered a shorter lease option. Can you update the Committee on the progress of this proposal?

6. Can you provide the BAAAC with an update on the potential of having both Canadian Supply Base Company (CSBC) and DPB Driver utilizing the site together?

7. As Minister, can you comment on media articles about other potential supply base sites and fabrication sites that are considering being developed that would compete for work at the Bull Arm Fabrication site?

8. With the provincial government’s goal of doubling oil production by 2030, what is the plan to deal with the increase need for supply bases and fabrication sites over the next 10 years?

9. The BAAAC was informed that utilities have been scaled back and turned off in buildings at the Bull Arm Fabrication site. Can you provide the Committee with information on these claims? If this is true, how can the provincial government assure these facilities are being preserved for future operations if they are not being maintained on a regular basis?

10. The BAAAC’s primary goal is to liaise between the provincial government and the residents and businesses that the members of the committee represent. Can the BAAAC have regularly scheduled meetings for updates with the provincial government and Nalcor to keep the lines of communications open regarding the Bull Arm Fabrication site? If yes, what is a good timeframe for regular meetings (quarterly or semi-annually).

Thank you again for making arrangements to meet with the Committee. If you have any questions beforehand, please contact me at basildaley.ac@eastlink.ca or by phone at (709) 463-2323.

Sincerely,

Mayor Basil Daley (Town of Arnold’s Cove)
Representative for the Bull Arm & Area Action Committee
Siobhan,

It’s unfortunate that the Atlantic Accord doesn’t have enough protections for the worker’s of our Province. It doesn’t appear to have happened with the recent contract in Bull Arm. I hope there isn’t any longshore stevedore work being done in Bull Arm. Please remind Trades NL tomorrow when you meet with them, that the Teamsters are doing work in Argentia for substandard wages in our jurisdiction and the Labourers are doing it in Baybulls. They are not Marine Transport unions. We were here long before any of the Building Trades unions. A Newfoundland union that represents Newfoundlanders should be given first consideration to protect wages, our peoples standards and local interests in its jurisdiction. Also not sure if they realize DF BARNES is having trouble getting work in the Fife because of competitiveness and efficiencies in Singapore that is hard to compete with in Scotland. They are worried about protecting their standards that they have fought for through years of collective bargaining, well so are we. Perhaps we need a Provincial Marine Policy that recognizes community benefit agreements surrounding Port & Dock work. Dock workers should share in the benefit secured by the introduction of new methods of cargo handling and that, accordingly, action for the lasting improvement of their situation, by such means as regularisation of employment and sabilsation of income, and other measures relating to the conditions of work and life, as well as to safety and health aspects of dock work, should be planned and taken concurrently with the planning and introduction of new methods, and having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to social repercussions or social benefits of new methods of cargo handling (Dock work). The LSPU feels we are well positioned to help in these matters to keep our offshore industry competitive and efficient as we have done since the beginning of our offshore energy industry. All the best in the discussions with Trades NL tomorrow.

Sincerely

Chris Gosse
President
LSPU (I.L.A.) Local 1953
St. John’s, NL
https://lspu-ilalocal53.ca/
Good day Minister Coady,

Thank you for meeting with our committee and for gathering the requested representation. I believe the meeting was helpful to us all.

I mentioned some work that I had been informed about that could possibly be completed in Newfoundland and Labrador. Since I did not have details, I said that I would follow up if I could get more information. Gerald Snook, the mayor of Sunnyside works in the oil and gas industry and has provided the following information. Mr. Snook has extended the invitation for you to reach out to him if you have any questions.

The work that I was referring to is "Subsea tie back components to producing facilities such as Hibernia. The North amythsts subsea equipment was fabricated in Bull Arm for the Husky project. Very successful.

Most of that equipment included flow lines and umbilicals that can be constructed in Bull Arm. It just has to be set up. The facility is there.

The opportunity is large. We just have to invest into it as a province."

Mr. Snook can be reached at [contact information]

Sincerely,
Joan Rideout
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Mr. Glen Courage  
Business Manager  
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c. Hon. Dwight Ball, Premier
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c. Hon. Dwight Ball, Premier
Ms. Joan Rideout

Dear Ms. Rideout:

Re: Bull Arm Fabrication Site

Thank you for your email dated December 2, 2019 as follow up to our recent meeting regarding the Bull Arm Fabrication Site whereby you reference additional work on subsea tieback components that could be completed in NL.

Since its development in the 1990’s, Bull Arm has been fundamental to the development of the offshore industry in NL. Offshore oil and gas development projects have resulted in millions of person-hours of employment at the site. As such, our Government is actively engaged in continuing to help maximize the potential of this world class facility.

Bull Arm, through former tenant North Eastern Constructors Limited (NECL), saw significant utilization in fabrication and assembly of subsea structures from the North Amethyst Development. Activities at Bull Arm involved fabrication and construction of manifold systems, flowline termination modules, subsea distribution unit support frames and ancillary equipment. However, due to site capabilities and project timelines, the majority of fabrication work for the umbilicals and flowlines was completed at facilities in France and England respectively.

The NL supply and service sector continues to grow in its capacity and capability to perform subsea related work in NL. Major contracts for subsea design, engineering and fabrication for offshore oil and gas developments, including the Hebron, Hibernia South Extension and West White Rose have gone to businesses located in the Province. We expect growth activity to continue in this area. Through Advance 2030, the Way Forward on Oil and Gas our government has recognized the importance of increased supply and service sector capabilities that align with, and capitalize on, our energy future. This includes supporting innovation to advance subsea technology solutions (e.g. modular subsea systems, lean tiebacks, subsea factory, and towed solutions) and build subsea engineering expertise, technology capabilities, and support infrastructure that can leverage export opportunities, with a particular focus on harsh environment and deepwater solutions.

Thank you again for your email to follow up on our meeting. It is important to maintain a dialogue and to share information among government and industry stakeholders and I appreciate your feedback.

Sincerely,

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SIOBHAN COADY
St. John’s West
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Hi Melissa,

Attached, for the attention of your Minister and Deputy Minister, is an email from Andrew Short, CSBC, with request for action regarding the Bull Arm Site.

We are requesting a response on behalf of the Premier. Please copy the Premier on the response and email a copy to Premier@gov.nl.ca within 10 business days.

Thank you,
Kaitlyn

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Hello Premier Ball,

Attached is a letter from my office with Canadian Supply Base Company, I appreciate that when we met earlier in this process, that you offered that I could reach out to you if I believed the matter required the attention of your office. We have been working with Nalcor for 2 years on the RFP for Bull Arm, and last week we have learned some information that requires your attention. After your review please let me know when you are available to discuss the solutions.

Sorry for the time of year, this was not our chosen season to handle these matters.

Season’s Greetings

Andrew Short B.Comm MBA.
Vice President Operation CSBC
General Manager Integrated Logistics.
Mr. Richard Gill  
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