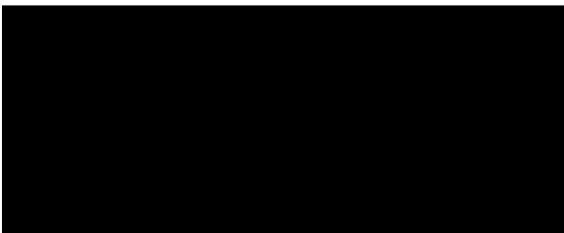


February 20, 2020



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: FIN-05-2020]

On January 15, 2020, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

“I am requesting any information on interactions between the Finance department and the mining exploration company - Marathon Gold Corp, - covering the period of September 01 - 2019 up to today's date.”

The Department of Finance is pleased to provide a partial response to the above requested information.

It is noted that the Tax Administration Division of the Department of Finance is responsible for the administration, audit and collection of various provincial own-source taxation programs, and the collection of select Government of Newfoundland and Labrador receivables.

The Health and Post Secondary Education Tax (Payroll Tax) is a tax payable by employers whose annual remuneration in this province exceeds a predetermined exemption threshold. While the Department has had interactions with Marathon Gold Corp relating to this tax, access to this information is denied pursuant to section 39.2 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Further details on this exemption is available at:

<https://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/statutes/a01-2.htm#39>

Additionally, on October 8, 2019, the Department received a payment of \$1,029.11 from Marathon Gold Corp. for an invoice issued by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment (MAE). Should you have further questions relating to the above payment, please contact MAE.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act).

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. The address and contact information of 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.

Please be advised that this response 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 response 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 the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-2082, or by email at bethbartlett@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Bartlett".

Beth Bartlett, CIAPP-C
ATIPP Coordinator