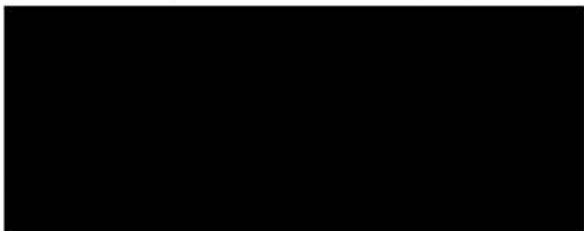


March 11, 2020



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act** [IIAS-005-2020]

On February 18, 2020, the Intergovernmental Affairs Branch of the Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat received your transferred request from the Department of Finance for access to the following records/information:

Dept of Finance ATIPP Feb 11 2020 re MF rate mitigation To determine and negotiate the best possible financial structure to achieve rate mitigation ??? To assemble a team that included independent external advice and analysis ??? Senior officials from Intergovernmental Affairs, Justice and Public Safety, Natural Resources, Finance and Executive Council ??? External team comprised of legal, financial, and electricity industry experts Provide 1/- the names of the legal, financial and electricity industry experts 2/the total payments to date by the names in No 1.

The Deputy Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs has reviewed this request and a decision has been made to provide access to the requested information. As per your request, the list of experts and total payment to date are attached.

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 Act, which is annexed to this letter 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.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is below for your convenience.

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

P.O. Box 13004, Station A
St. John's, NL
A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309

Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309

Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

E-mail: commissioner@oipc.nl.ca

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, which is also annexed to this letter for your reference.

Please be advised that this request will be published online three business days after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. The goal is 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 at 729-3523 or angelaledwell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Ledwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ANGELA LEDWELL

ATIPP Coordinator

Intergovernmental Affairs

ANNEX

Sections of the Act referred to Final Response Letter

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).

Response to IAS-005-2020

PART I: Provide names of the legal, financial, and electricity industry experts

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG)

- Jeffrey Thomas, Partner (Team Lead)
- Bruce Fowler, Partner
- Shane Freitag, Partner
- John Vellone, Partner
- Tiffany Murray, Partner
- Heather Pessione, Associate
- Flora Ho, Associate
- Bruce Bacon, Consultant

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- Tim Philpotts, Partner (Team Lead)
- Babak Aghdaee, Associate
- Evgenia Rolzing, Associate
- Mike Powell, Associate
- Shareef Sehgal, Associate

PART II: Provide the total payments to date by the names in No 1.

Total payments to date*: \$979,469.94 (including HST)

**payment as per invoice processed December 19, 2019*