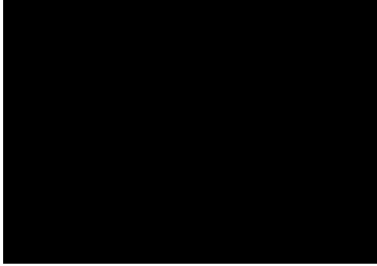


March 12, 2020



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-113-2020)

On February 27, 2020, the Department of Natural Resources received your request, via transfer from the Department of Finance, for access to the following records/information:

How much money in the 2019-20 budget was budgeted to go to the Muskrat Falls Project from general revenue? If any, how and to whom would it be disbursed? Would it be a loan?

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 information. Please see the answers below:

How much money in the 2019-20 budget was budgeted to go to the Muskrat Falls Project from general revenue?

There was no money budgeted to go to the Muskrat Falls Project from “general revenue”. There was \$379.2 million budgeted in Budget 2019-20 for Muskrat Falls (see page 172 of the pdf at this link <https://www.gov.nl.ca/budget/2019/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/04/estimates.pdf>)

If any, how and to whom would it be disbursed?

The money was advanced to Nalcor.

Would it be a loan?

The money budgeted for the Muskrat Falls Project was not a loan, but rather an equity investment.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Hynes".

Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator