Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: MA/15/2016]

On March 1, 2016, the Department of Municipal Affairs received your request for access to the following records/information:

"All emails, letters, communications and other documents in the possession of and/or sent or received by the Department, including Crown Lands, since January 1, 2011, relating to: (i) property in the Town of Port Saunders, NL, which is bounded on the north by Marine Drive a distance of 17 meters, on the east by Henry Rumbolt a distance of 46 meters, on the south by Port Saunders Harbour a distance of 20 meters and on the west by Boyd Lavers a distance of 62 meters, containing an area of approximately 1,250 square meters (the "subject property"); (ii) any application(s) or inquiries to Municipal Affairs/Crown Lands by or relating to Boyd Lavers, B&N Enterprises Inc. and/or Northern Boat Repair Ltd. respecting the subject property; and/or (iii) the payment of any tax arrears for the subject property."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister of the Department to provide access to the requested information. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Please note that the Department does not have any records in its custody and control related to item # 3 of your request regarding "the payment of tax arrears for the subject property." This information was communicated to you in the Department’s March 15, 2016 advisory letter. You may wish to contact the Town of Port Saunders regarding this information.

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, 2015. 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

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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 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 Office of Public Engagement's 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 by telephone at 729-6528 or by e-mail at scottwinters@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Scott Winters
Manager of Accountability / ATIPP Coordinator
Information redacted due to legal concerns.