Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: AES/009/2013]

On March 14, 2013, the Department of Advanced Education and Skills received your request for access to the following records:

_I am requesting under the Access to Information Act:
I am asking for copies of all emails, letters, memos written to or from the Dept. of Advanced Education and Skills (AES), Executive Council or the Premier’s Office between Dec 16, 2012 and January 18, 2013 regarding the appointment of Ross Reid to Deputy Minister, Responsible for the Population Growth Strategy._

Your request for access to these records has been granted. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Janelle Kenway at 729-7920 or janellekenway@gov.nl.ca

Yours sincerely,

Darrin Pike
Deputy Minister

Enclosure
I would get our people to handle his purchasing, same as for the rest of the executive. We can make up a tracking code for his items for expenditure tracking purposes. The professional service costs are really going to stand out if they come from exec support, there is no professional service budget there now but we can get some in there through a budget amendment.

Bren.

I met with Ross Reid on Friday regarding the special project he is working on (some sort of population study, I understand). His intention is to have the study completed during 2013/14. AES will be required to cover off the costs.

The plan is as follows:

For the remainder of 2012/13:

Ross' salary will continue to be paid from the Voluntary and Not-for-Profit Secretariat (VNPS).
AES will continue to pay Marilyn Field's salary (I assume this must already be in place, but you should check).

For 2013/14:

AES will pay the salary for Ross and a Senior Analyst - $270,000
AES will pay the operating costs, expected to be: Supplies - $1000; T&C - $20,000; Prof Services - $20,000; Purch Services - $4000.

No office space required – he will be operating from the current CMA office location.

No secretarial support required (we hope) – he will be sharing secretarial services with Marilyn.

Other issues: timesheets (plan to continue his existing arrangement); purchasing and monthly expenditure reports – given he will be spending AES money, my inclination is to assign someone here to handle his purchasing – what do you think?

Any other issues you can think of??

Dave
Please note that a senior appointments release will be issued at 1:00 today. It will include the appointment of Ross Reid as DM responsible for the Population Growth Strategy. Please contact me if you require further info. Thanks.

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This Senior Appointments’ Announcement is to be kept confidential until it is publicly released. Release is expected to go out at 1:00 pm today.

Executive Council
January 17, 2013

Premier Announces Senior Appointments

The Honourable Kathy Dunderdale, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, today announced the following senior appointments:

Udloriak Hanson has been appointed Senior Advisor for Aboriginal Issues and Arctic Economic Opportunities, Executive Council, effective January 16.

H. Maxwell (Max) Harvey has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister (Marine Services) with the Department of Transportation and Works. Mr. Harvey’s appointment is effective January 21.

Ross Reid has been appointed Deputy Minister Responsible for the Population Growth Strategy. This appointment was effective December 17.

“I offer congratulations to Ms. Hanson, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Reid on their appointments,” said Premier Dunderdale. “These individuals bring with them a wealth of experience and expertise in various fields. I wish them all the best as they take on their new senior roles within the public service.”

See the Backgrounder below for biographical information.

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BACKGROUND
Biographical Information

Udloriak Hanson
Ms. Hanson previously served as Special Advisor to Mary Simon, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), and was acting Executive Director of ITK, the national organization representing Inuit from Nunavut, Nunavik (Northern Quebec), Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador) and the Inuvialuit Settlement Region of the Northwest Territories. She was Executive Director of Qaujisaqtuq Society and Senior Policy Liaison for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), the land claims organization representing Nunavut Inuit. She is on the Board of Directors for Actua and is the Arctic Peoples and Security co-chair for the Munk-Gordon Arctic Security Program. Ms. Hanson holds a Bachelor of Education degree from Brock University as well as a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Okanagan University College.

Max Harvey
Mr. Harvey has over 30 years experience in the marine industry and in project management. At sea with the Royal Canadian Navy, he had numerous deployments as Watchkeeper, Navigator, Training Officer, Operations Officer, and as Captain. Ashore, he has supported the ships as fleet scheduler, naval school instructor, and international exercise planner. Mr. Harvey served as the Operational Requirements department head in Ottawa for the build of 12 Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels. He has been Commanding Officer of a number of units throughout Canada, including the naval reserve division HMCS CABOT in St. John’s. Recently Mr. Harvey has been engaged as the national lead for a number of projects for the Royal Canadian Navy. Beyond his marine credentials, Mr Harvey has been active as a Returning Officer (St. John's South-Mount Pearl) and later as Field Liaison Officer (NL) for Elections Canada. Active as a volunteer in the community, he served, and continues to serve, on a number of boards and committees. He was recently awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for his naval and community contribution.

Mr. Harvey holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba, a Canadian Forces College diploma, and a Master of Business Administration from Memorial University. He holds a Certified Human Resource Professional designation.

Ross Reid
Mr. Reid has mostly recently served as the Deputy Minister for the Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. From November 2003 to January 2007, Mr. Reid served as Deputy Minister to the Premier. Prior to this, he was with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in Ukraine, Ghana, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. Mr. Reid has advised on and conducted democratic development programs in more than 25 countries in Asia, Africa and Europe with a focus on political parties, elections, parliaments and civil society. A former Member of Parliament and Cabinet minister representing Newfoundland and Labrador in the Government of Canada, Mr. Reid has served as chief of staff to the federal Minister of Finance and as advisor to the Prime Minister.
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As discussed. Many thanks,

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Population growth strategy

Ross Reid will be leading development of this important initiative and will include working on interdepartmental issues including labour market policy, immigration, adoptions and family friendly policies. External partners will include the population committee of the strategic partnership committee, municipalities, post secondary institutions and the federal government.

Terms of Reference  
Population Growth Strategy

“Population Growth Strategy”

“We are committed to cultivating conditions that enable families and communities to grow. We will develop a Newfoundland and Labrador population growth strategy focused on creating and improving conditions favourable to in-migration and an increased birth rate.”

Blue Book 2011

Priorities:  
Meeting labour market needs
Regional and community sustainability

Scope:
Build on past work:
   Immigration and Multiculturalism
   Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy
   Provincial Development Plan
   NL Stats

Integrate with other community development and labour market initiatives:
   Family Friendly Policies
   Economic and Rural Development
   Labour Market (Development) Agreement
   Post-Secondary Education
   Strategic Partnership

Other jurisdictions: Canada and international

Consultations:
   Public consultation: invitation for input

Targeted consultations, including:
   Municipalities NL
   Settlement Agencies
   Labour groups
   Business organizations and major employers
      Youth and student organizations

Government of Canada:
   Citizenship and Immigration Canada
   Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
   Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency