Response to Applicant - Full Disclosure
Form 4A

April 29, 2016

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act BTCRD 14/2016

On April 12, 2016 the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development received your request for access to the following records:

"Please provide a list of all funding given to the Exploits Centre for Information Technology Excellence Corporation (EXCITE) by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador between 2000 and 2016 (inclusive). Please include all funding given to EXCITE, this should include but is not limited to grants and loans. In the case of loans, please provide information on the amount of the loan and how much has been repaid, applicable interest rates, applicable terms, and any loan amount forgiven by GNL."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister (Acting) for the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development 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 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.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 729-3356 or by email at wcomeau@gov.nl.ca or Christina Harrington at 729-6137 or by email at christinaharrington@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Wayne Comeau
ATIPP Coordinator
2001 - $630,000 loan to the town of Grand Falls/Windsor towards the construction of the Excite building. For details relating to this loan, please contact the Department of Municipal Affairs.

2006 – BRAND Funding - $49,968 - The Excite Corporation received approximately $50,000 from the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to complement funding the corporation received from the federal government under the Broadband and Rural and Northern Development (BRAND) initiative.

2010 - $143,500 RSDF grant in support of “E-Health Development Project” with the EXCITE Corporation Inc. The objectives included the research and development of an e-Health training program at the College of the North Atlantic in Grand Falls-Windsor and an action plan for the start-up of the e-health industry in Grand Falls-Windsor. $114,800 was disbursed of the $143,500 approved.

2011 - $250,000, Project: “Building e-Health Capacity in Mental Health Treatment”.
Non repayable support was provided to Exploits Centre for Information Technology Excellence’s (EXCITE) to assist in a collaborative effort to demonstrate the potential collaborative and business opportunities that exist for other companies within Newfoundland and Labrador and the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. A feasibility report was commissioned to increase its knowledge of a Community of Practice Model as a unique health service delivery model within the area of mental health; and transfer that knowledge to other health disciplines, practices and companies within the health information industry.


2014 - $2,500 BDS grant towards participation in “IBD Mission to Washington: Association of the U.S. Army”

2015 - $2,000 BDS grant towards participation in “IBD Mission in Market: Sea-Air-Space Expo 2015, Washington D.C.”
2016 - $190,135, Project: “Genome Hearing Project”
Non repayable support was provided to EXCITE to assist with the establishment of a Genomic-Based R&D Centre for Hearing Science. The Centre will be a living laboratory designed to investigate the auditory system of families with genetic forms of hearing loss in order to generate better solutions for hearing loss. Using state of the art equipment and expertise, the Centre will make precise measurements of how sound is processed by the human auditory systems. BCTRDR provided support towards capital and equipment for hearing research education centre.