May 27, 2016

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: SNL-028-2016]

On May 3, 2016, Service NL received your request for access to the following records:

“Correspondence between the department and external people, corporations or agencies about legislation and/or regulations governing real estate agents, the trading of real estate, and/or the real estate foundation in the province. Date range of request is Dec. 1, 2015 to the present.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by Service NL to provide access to the requested information. Officials in Service NL conducted a thorough search for information that matches what you described in your request. These 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). An appeal to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period of time 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.

Please be advised that the responsive records for this request 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 these 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 709-729-7437 or by email at ellenhaskell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

ELLEN HASKELL
ATIPP Coordinator
O’Brien, John

From: Bill Stirling <bstirling@nlar.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 3:30 PM
To: O’Brien, John
Subject: Re: Meeting Request

Ten on Thursday works for me. See you at your office?

From: "O’Brien, John"
Date: Monday, January 11, 2016 at 8:23AM
To: William Stirling
Subject: RE: Meeting Request

Thanks Bill hope you had a good Christmas too. I am available to meet say this Thursday or Friday at 10 (Jan 14 or 15) or next Wed Jan 20 at 9:30 or Jan 21 at 10. Would either of these times work for you?

John

From: Bill Stirling [mailto:bstirling@nlar.ca]
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 2:18 PM
To: O’Brien, John
Subject: Meeting Request

John,

I hope you had a great Christmas break and are now getting settled in your new role with Service NL. I’d like to get together with you to have a preliminary discussion about some issues that we see in the industry and the importance of moving forward with a new Real Estate Trading Act.

I’m available at your convenience and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Bill

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Rhonda,

I'm writing to request a meeting between Minister Joyce and the executive committee of the NL Association of REALTORS®.

Real estate trading is regulated under the Real Estate Trading Act, which in our view is out of date and needs to be reformed. Superintendent O'Brien of the Financial Services Division (copied here) is aware of our concerns. We continue to work with his office on a regular basis managing the day-to-day business of our industry, however regulatory reform requires the attention and input of the Minister. We'd like to have an initial discussion with him to explore a way forward together on this important issue.

We are available at his convenience, but would hope to meet within the coming few weeks.

Thanks

Bill Stirling

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Hi John,

Can you give me a call when you get a few minutes? Want to talk to you about Trading Act reform.

Bill

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Good afternoon Mr. Stirling,

I am writing regarding your request to meet with Minister Joyce, I have booked May 31, 2016 at 9:30am-10:30am in the Minister's calendar.

Please advise if this date a time is convenient for your group.

Have a good day!

Rhonda Manning
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