February 26, 2015

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-008-2015]:

On January 30, 2015, Service NL received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Looking for a document of some sort which states the (month and year) that anyone was aware of a sanitation problem which occurred at Coppermine Brook...York Harbour NL. Thank you."

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part. Access to specific personal information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

Section 30(1): "The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy."

Further to your request, Service NL first became aware of the situation when NL Power made a report to the Department on July 29, 2011. NL Power reported an electrical hazard on a particular property and that electrical service was cut. Before it could be restored, a septic system that complied with legal requirements had to be installed. As a result, the remaining cabins in the area came under scrutiny at that time. NL Power's complaint is enclosed, as per your request. As required by subsection 7(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is exempted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Section 43 of the Act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this partial refusal of access or you may appeal the refusal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Information and Privacy Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 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
34 Pippy Place
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal. Records that are refused on the basis of section 21 (legal advice) or section 18(2)(a) (official cabinet record), must be appealed directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division, pursuant to section 60. You may also contact the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner who may decide to initiate an appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division pursuant to subsection 60(1.1).

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 the ATIPP Coordinator at 709-729-7437 or by email at ellenhaskell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

LEIGH PUDDESTER
Deputy Minister
Service NL
Blair Billard  
Technical Inspector II  
Department of Government Services  
Noton Bldg, 133 Riverside Dr.  
Telephone: 637-2470

From: Billard, Blair  
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2011 4:31 PM  
To: Billard, Blair  
Cc: Hann, Carl M.; Vardy, Butch;  
Subject: RE:

Blair, further to our conversation earlier and at the request of [redacted] we acted on an anonymous tip today that we received earlier this week about a cabin under construction in the York harbor area. The caller indicated that [redacted] removed a service from an old cabin at Coppermine Brook and reattached it themselves at a new cabin currently under construction in the same area. They also reported cords running above and underground from the service point to several RV trailers that are parked on the site.

Today, [redacted] and I visited the site and took several pictures which we’ve forwarded to you. They showed a cabin under construction and an electrical service attached to the side. A Newfoundland Power meter was in place and indicated power was on in the cabin. The cabin does not have a roof and is open walled inside. There was an electrical appliance and how water tank inside but I could not confirm if they were connected to the power source.

We have a pending account for this customer since 2008 for that site but it was never acted on. There is no record of a disconnect/reconnect request for this property.

We have instructed our service crew to disconnect power this evening at the meter point.

We feel this is a safety hazard with no roof on the house and the transfer of the electrical service being done without permission.
Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

ard, Blair [mailto:BlairBillard@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2011 3:40 PM
To: 
Cc: Hann, Carl M.; Vardy, Butch
Subject:

Regarding our telephone conversation with myself and Carl Hann, we both agree on a disconnect of electrical services as soon as possible for the residence

Thanks,

Blair Billard
Technical Inspector II
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