Dear [name],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our file #ENV/029/2013]

On November 8, 2013, the Department of Environment and Conservation received your request for access to the following information:

“Correspondence – In any and all formats, including paper and electronic – Between the Department and the Proponents/organizers of the Mud Immortal event held at Butter Pot Park. Date range Jan. 1, 2013 – Present.”

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part. Access is provided to the correspondence between the Department of Environment and Conservation and the proponent of the Mud Immortal event. The appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Access to specific text 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.”

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.

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 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.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72-hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five 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 telephone (709) 729-7393.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JAMIE CHIPPETT  
Deputy Minister
Frank,

Can you or one of your staff please follow up on this request?

Thanks,

Sian

Ms. Siân K. French, MSc
Director
Parks and Natural Areas Division
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From: MudImmortal Team <mailto:info@mudimmortal.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 1:04 PM
To: French, Sian
Subject: Provincial Park Rental

Good afternoon Sian,

I am not sure who the correct contact within your department would be, but could you kindly direct me to the correct person?

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I'd be interested in doing this in late-September (perhaps after Butter Pot closes for the season).

Looking forward to hearing back from you!

Regards,
Hi Keith,
Thanks for the quick reply.
Yes, non-motorized.

I'll give you a call next week when you're back in the office.

Regards,

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Date: Thu, 21 Mar 2013 16:30:52 -0230
From: Bailey, Geoff <geoffbailey@gov.nl.ca>
To: MudImmortal Team <info@mudimmortal.com>

I have forwarded your request to Frank Turner. He is the Manager of Operations at the Division and should be able to address your comments.

Geoff Bailey
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To: Brown, Keith
Subject: Re: Butter Pot Park Off-Season Usage

Good afternoon Keith,

After looking at the maps, it's looking like Butter Pot is perfect for us to host this event.

So just wondering what you'd need from us to use the park on September 21st?

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Hey Keith,
I tried you a few times today but couldn't reach you.
Give me a call at your convenience at the number below.

Thanks.

Regards,

On 4/12/2013 5:57 AM, Brown, Keith wrote:

Hello

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