Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: HCS/100/2016]

On July 28, 2016, the Department of Health and Community Services (the Department) received your request for access to the following records:

"Can you please provide all correspondence including emails, letters, briefing materials and results concerning water quality tests for the Waterford and the Health Sciences Centre? This request will cover January 1, 2014 to current (July 28, 2016). Thank you."

The Department has reviewed your request in the context of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) is pleased to inform you that access to these records has been granted, in part. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed. Some information has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Act:

Section 29 – Policy Advice or Recommendations

Please also note that Eastern Health Authority may also have responsive records for your request, and should be contacted accordingly for such records.

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your
reference). 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. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal. The appeal may be addressed to 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 (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

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 contact me by telephone at (709) 729-7010 or by email at vanessamacey@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Macey

ATIPP Coordinator
Also, you might want to connect with Chris Nolan at Eastern Health given his recent involvement with lead issues at Memorial U.

Darryl

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Terry Battcock
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Thank you very much,
Rob

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From: Dawe, Paula V
To: Battcock, Terry; "Robert Needle"; Johnson, Darryl
Cc: Leslie Gilholme
Subject: RE: metal testing of EH sites
Date: Monday, September 21, 2015 1:26:49 PM

There is a list of accredited laboratories available on the ENVC website for drinking water quality sampling analysis:  http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/waterres/quality/labs.html

Paula Dawe, P.Eng.
Manager
Drinking Water & Wastewater Section, Dam Safety Program

From: Battcock, Terry
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 1:15PM
To: 'Robert Needle'; Johnson, Darryl; Dawe, Paula V
Cc: Leslie Gilholme
Subject: RE: metal testing of EH sites

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From: Robert Needle [mailto:robert.needle@easternhealth.ca]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 10:17 AM
To: Battcock, Terry; Johnson, Darryl
Cc: Leslie Gilholme
Subject: metal testing of EH sites

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From: George Butt [mailto:george.butt@easternhealth.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:22 AM
To: Tubrett, Denise
Cc: Marlene Day
Subject: FW: RE:

Joe Dunford
Regional Director - Infrastructure
Eastern Health

On Jul 13, 2016, at 9:02 AM, George Butt <george.butt@easternhealth.ca> wrote:

Drinking water quality at Waterford.
Hi George I got an inquiry today on 2 items:

2. Drinking water at Waterford. Water bottles have been removed as I was aware but staff have concerns about the quality of the drinking water and want to know if the tap water has been tested. Can you also advise?

Thanks Denise
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

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From: Tubrett, Denise  
To: Macey, Vanessa  
Subject: FW:  
Date: Friday, August 05, 2016 3:50:42 PM

FYI

Denise Tubrett, CPA, CGA, MBA  
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From: Kent, Steve  
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 4:32 PM  
To: Tubrett, Denise  
Subject: Re:  
is water at Waterford better than East and West Block?

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From: Tubrett, Denise  
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 4:27 PM  
To: Kent, Steve  
Subject: Fw:  

Fyi

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: George Butt <george.butt@easternhealth.ca>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 3:40 PM  
To: Tubrett, Denise
From: Fern Mitchelmore
Sent: July 19, 2016 4:10 PM
To: George Butt <george.butt@easternhealth.ca>
Cc: Marlene Day <Marlene.Day@easternhealth.ca>
Subject: RE: non-responsive

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From: George Butt
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Fern Mitchelmore <Fern.Mitchelmore@easternhealth.ca>
Cc: Marlene Day <Marlene.Day@easternhealth.ca>
Subject: FW:

From: Tubrett, Denise [mailto:dtubrett@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: July 19, 2016 3:53 PM
To: George Butt <george.butt@easternhealth.ca>
Subject: Fw:

Can you advise?
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Kent, Steve <SteveKent@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 1:00 PM
To: Tubrett, Denise
Subject: Re:
Hi as a follow up to your 2 questions 1) EH has done two formal tests through Alltech in the last year; one in fall 2015 and recently in spring 2016, both came back acceptable under the drinking water guidelines. Hope this helps.

Denise

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