Dear [Name]

RE: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Our File: TW/058/2016)

On August 4, 2016, the Department of Transportation and Works received your request for access to the following records/information:

*I would like to request the annual refit schedule for the provincial ferries. Also, currently the Beaumont Hamel is currently on dry dock. We would like to know what changes and or improvements will be made to the vessel and what work is going to be done to the MV Flanders when it heads to dry dock later this year and the timelines we can expect before return to service.*

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Transportation and Works to provide access to the requested information.

In accordance with your request for additional information on the MV *Beaumont Hamel* and MV *Flanders*, please be advised that no changes or improvements are planned for the MV *Beaumont Hamel*. Repairs are currently being made to the vessel’s structure and regulatory inspections are being completed as the majority of the repairs to the vessel’s structure are a regulatory requirement. During the inspections, deterioration was found in the fore and aft peak tanks, and this has added additional months to the refit to ensure the necessary repairs are made. In terms of the MV *Flanders*, improvements are currently ongoing for a previously installed tank fluid monitoring system that was noted as being defective during the past refit. The remainder of the work on this vessel is similar to the MV *Beaumont Hamel* as regulatory inspection items are being addressed and repairs are being made to damaged/defective equipment or on the structure of the vessel. Both vessels are expected to be completed by Fall, 2016.

P.O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL, Canada, A1B 4J6
In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

The 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 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.

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 Completed Access to Information Requests 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 undersigned by telephone at (709) 729-5351 or by e-mail at FrankWalsh@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Frank Walsh
ATIPP Coordinator
Department of Transportation and Works
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