November 26, 2014

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: PRE/9/2014]

On October 28, 2014, the Premier’s Office received your request for access to the following records/information:

“"All emails sent or received by Premier Davis between Sept 30 and Oct 28, 2014 regarding Judy Manning. Request includes pdavis@gov.nl.ca, premier@gov.nl.ca and any other email addresses used directly or indirectly by Davis.

For the sake of speedy communication, email correspondence for all uses relating to this request and electronic copies of all records is preferable to print correspondence and mail."

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part. All emails sent by or received by Premier Davis regarding Judy Manning between September 30, 2014 and October 28, 2014 are attached. As per your request, we are forwarding the documents to you via email. Please note, personal information has been removed in accordance with Section 30(1) of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). Section 30(1) of the Act states:

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 excepted from disclosure as well as information that is not responsive to your request 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
2 Canada Drive
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 Veronica Hayden at (709) 729-3570 or vhayden@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Darrel Hynes
Deputy Chief of Staff

Enclosure
Dear Premier Davis,

I am just writing to say, as a Newfoundlander who cares about this place very much, that your appointment yesterday of an unelected individual to the position of Attorney General and minister of Public Safety is very troubling. I'm sure Judy Manning is a perfectly competent individual, but appointing her (and not at least insisting that she run in a byelection as soon as possible) shows a worrying disregard for the importance of the accountability of public officials. Surely as a former media relations officer you realize the terrible optics of an unelected premier appointing an unelected cabinet minister who is the niece of a prominent supporter of the party. Your party is clinging to the barest thread of any kind of mandate to govern the people of this province, and you should call an election as soon as possible.
Premier,

I would think an advisor would probably read this and hopefully pass on my comments. As a strong supporter of the Party we have less than a year to get our house in order and be prepared for the next election. Our government has done many positive things over the last couple of terms that have enriched the lives of the people in NL. It's difficult to get the credit the government deserves for those initiatives because that's the way the media works. It's up to government, its members and supporters to get the message out. What we need to avoid though, is the small glitches that take everything away from what we are hoping to achieve. I live in Grand Bank, and I am getting a lot of feedback on the decision to change the name of the Department of Justice. People find it hard to understand why a government would want to do away with the Justice Department, even though we haven't, when every jurisdiction in the country has this core Department. It would have been much simpler and would have served the same purpose if it had been named the Department of Justice and Public Safety, and it has a nice ring to it also. A simple change like this just gives the Opposition Parties and the Media an opportunity to further ridicule the Party when there was absolutely no need. If we don't have good, common sense and practical advisors to the Premier's Office, our Party is in for one rude awakening come the next general election. We have time to make a difference, but we have to stop giving the opposition parties and the media ammunition to tear our party apart. We need advisors who can read the public's perception of the message we are trying to communicate, this has been a problem over the last three or four years and we don't have the time for those missteps anymore.

Grand Bank

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
Not that you don’t have enough to read, Premier...

Dear Mr. McLeod, I am Ms. Manning’s graduate supervisor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary. Ms. Manning changed her initial research topic from hydroelectricity to oil and gas and that is why there is no article on transmission written by Ms. Manning. For the record, be advised that Ms. Manning is an excellent student. I look forward to reviewing the major research paper that she has been working on and congratulating her upon successful completion of her graduate degree.

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Good morning:

As promised, my thoughts on the current cabinet:

-Premier Paul Davis: Again this was the guy who had my support for the race, I think that if given the chance he should do great.

-Finance Minister Ross Wiseman: Right now Ross is one of the deans of the house (Only Tom Osborne, Tom Hedderson and Ray Hunter have more service than him), makes sense to give him the most important cabinet post of finance.

Health Minister and Deputy Premier Steve Kent: You knew Kent was due for a major promotion and that's what he received, I think Kent should bring the same dedication to health that he has in other portfolios.

Natural Resources Minister Derrick Dalley: Derrick kept this post, this post is one of the biggest in the province right now, makes sense to keep it with a good minister like Derrick Dalley.

Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Susan Sullivan: Sullivan was a teacher in her previous life so it makes sense to put her here, I also like the early childhood development aspect here. - issues like early childhood development peak our interest.

Transportation Minister David Brazil: Congrats to Brazil on this promotion, certainly well deserved.

Fisheries Minister Vaughn Granter: Though fisheries is not a position you'd give to a MHA representing a city I'm sure that Granter will bring his 110% to this new post for him.

Business, Rural Renewal, Tourism and Culture Minister Darin King: A lot for Darin to take on but I'm sure he'll give it his all as he has done since first getting elected.

Public Safety Minister Judy Manning: This has gotten the most attention which is to bad because you're crucifying a person before they even get the chance to prove themselves. I've seen what has been said about her on Twitter and it's disgusting. Give her a chance for crying out loud before slamming her.

Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Keith Hutchings: Congrats to Keith on this post, I'm sure he'll bring the same dedication to it that he has brought to other posts.

Advanced Education and Skills Minister Kevin O'Brien: Kevin is 1 of our longest serving MHA's now, makes sense to keep him in a post like this.
Child, Youth and Family Services Minister Sandy Collins: CYFS is a department that deserves stability, you're certainly going to get that with Sandy Collins staying there.

Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Keith Russell: There was a bit of controversy here because Russell was said to have a bit of a potty mouth in the past, wonder what these same people think of former Premier Grimes who once told a new York audience that in NL we where only good for 2 things that began with f and ended with ing, 1 was fishing and I'll let you guys fill in the rest. Grimes did that as our premier mind you. Congrats to Russell on his new post.

Seniors, Wellness and Social Development Minister Clyde Jackman: A new dept. but 1 that is needed because of the changes in our population right now. Congrats to Clyde on the new post.

Environment and Conservation Minister Dan Crummel: Congrats to Dan on this post.

Service NL minister Tony Cortect: I'm sure that Tony will do a lot of good things as minister here.

So those are my thoughts on the cabinet, congrats to all ministers, I'm sure you'll all do bang up jobs.
Please see the messages below from Peter Morris and Minister Manning, with respect to her bio that was distributed to you last week. Thanks.

Donna Ivey
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From: Morris, Peter
Sent: Saturday, October 04, 2014 9:01 AM
To: Ivey, Donna
Subject: Fw: Bio info Minister Manning

Donna, I erred in including Minister Manning's bio in the message to government members yesterday. It was a draft I had prepared and it contained some errors (all mine).
Could you please forward this to them? Minister Manning will provide accurate one for distribution later.

Peter

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Judy M. Manning
Sent: Saturday, October 4, 2014 12:33 AM
To: Morris, Peter
Subject: RE: Bio info Minister Manning

Peter,

Please advise caucus to disregard.

I will have revisions tomorrow.

There are inaccuracies...for example, it is a course-based program so there is no thesis, but instead a "major paper". Also, I am not prepared to commit to finishing in a few weeks, although I shall try to do so (there are a number of factors that will influence this). As I am writing on a hydraulic fracturing topic, I know that it will invite intense scrutiny.
Thanks,

Judy

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
From: Browne, Joe  
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 9:05 AM  
To: Davis, Paul A (MHA- District of Topsail)  
Subject: Fw: Judy Manning and her Grad Studies

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Morris, Peter <PeterMorris@gov.nl.ca>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 9:02 AM  
To: Browne, Joe  
Subject: FW: Judy Manning and her Grad Studies

J, it will be interesting to see how James responds to this. It would be nice (and fair) if he developed a story based on the e-mail.

P.

Peter Morris  
Special Assistant (Strategic Communications)  
Office of the Premier  
709-690-2006

From: Manning, Judy  
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 6:13 PM  
To: Morris, Peter  
Cc: Joyce, Luke  
Subject: FW: Judy Manning and her Grad Studies

Fyi...

From: Ian Holloway [mailto:ihollowa@ucalgary.ca]  
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 2:59 PM  
To: jmcleod@thetelegram.com  
Subject: Judy Manning and her Grad Studies

Dear James,

I wanted to write to try to clear up some of the misconceptions that you may have regarding Ms Manning’s status here. I was moved to write by the headline of your story of Oct 3, “Never completed master’s degree; original thesis not completed”. I know that it is the sub-editor who typically chooses the headline, but laid out in this way, I think it is a bit misleading.

We have two different streams in our Master of Laws program at the University of Calgary: a thesis stream, and a coursework stream. Judy is enrolled in the latter, so a thesis is not a part of her program. What she does have to complete is a research paper, and it is that that is not yet complete. But this is not at all unusual. Our Master’s program, particularly the coursework one, is designed partly with folks who have careers – people like Judy, in other words. It is not at all unusual for people to take more than a year to complete. Sometimes this is for family reasons; other times for business reasons. But the point I want to make is that Judy is well within time to complete her program, and there is...
nothing untoward – nothing untoward whatever – in the fact that she hasn’t yet submitted her research paper. That’s why I thought your headline was unfair – it hints at something “fishy”, when that could not be further from the case.

I hope this is of assistance in clearing up any misunderstandings by you or by the Evening Telegram.

All the best,

Ian Holloway

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We may be turning a corner with the appointment. See this article from The Independent:

http://theindependent.ca/2014/10/07/dont-judge-judy/

This is a very critical take on how media have handled it from a fellow who normally aligns with the left of the political spectrum.

P.

Peter Morris
Special Assistant (Strategic Communications)
Office of the Premier
709-690-2006
Summary:

CABINET CHANGES: "Felix Collins", PC MHA is calling to talk about the recent cabinet changes. Wednesday, October 08, 2014 09:26AM Item # 10

VOCM - St. John's

PADDY DALY: Let's begin this morning on line number 1 and say good morning to the PC member of the House of Assembly serving the folks of Placentia-St. Mary's, Felix Collins. Good morning, Felix. You're on the air.

FELIX COLLINS: Good morning, Paddy. How are you?

PADDY DALY: I'm doing okay this morning. How about you?

FELIX COLLINS: Good, b'ya. Beautiful, gorgeous day. How could you not be good?

PADDY DALY: Well, I'm feeling great looking out through the Eye in the Sky here. Felix, it's an extraordinary set of circumstances for you. Your name right in the middle of one of the biggest political controversies in quite some time, given the fact that there's a woman coming behind you who says she's prepared to run in Placentia-St. Mary's when you retire or resign at the end of this term. Of course Judy Manning. Here she is, sitting as a minister, the Attorney General, unelected. People are up in arms,
wondering what role you can play in reducing the heat on your party. Are you stepping down?

FELIX COLLINS: Okay, well first of all, let me say this. And the reason why I called in this morning is to dispel, to speak to that very issue, and to dispel any concerns or speculation or perception in my district among my constituents with respect to how I was treated in this cabinet shuffle. And I have got a lot of loyal supporters in my district, a lot of friends and they're wondering where I am in all of this and whether or not I was mistreated or slighted or wrong done by in any way. And I wanted to speak to that because I want to make sure that I clarify these issues for my constituents. First of all, the position of Attorney General, which I held to accommodate Premier Tom Marshall back when he took over from Kathy Dunderdale. He was the Attorney General at the time. And he said look, I need an AG, and you're it and will you take it on? And I did. The Attorney General, Paddy, is an add on position. It's not a full ministerial role. Ah it's added to another ministerial role. Usually to the Department of Justice, and when I was minister of Justice, I was also Attorney General. But in the last seven or eight months I was Attorney General; I didn't have the ministerial role, I didn't have a department to run and I was responsible for legal services and on a weekly basis, two or three times a week, I met with the officials in Attorney General's office that (inaudible) and we discussed files, the progress of files and direction of files and so on. And that was sort of what I liked and enjoyed. But it was very much a part time position. When the new cabinet shuffle came around and ah I talked to the premier, ah you know, I was interested in staying in that role and the premier told me that by all means he wanted me to stay in that role. But it meant that I had to take on a full ministerial position. He couldn't afford and understandably so to have a part time minister sitting at the cabinet table. And I was not prepared to take on a full ministerial role and at this stage in my life and my career, you know, I only have another seven or eight months in politics, I was not prepared to take on a ministerial role like that at this stage of the game. So I - we discussed the possibility of bringing somebody in.

PADDY DALY: Well given -

FELIX COLLINS: And it was Judy Manning and I was completely supportive of it.

PADDY DALY: Okay and so given that statement that at this point in your political career, you didn't want to take on those roles, is it fair to read between those lines and say that you're prepared to step down then because if you're not prepared to be an active member of the cabinet and to play that significant role in the provincial government, are you willing to step down and allow a by-election to take place to elect your successor?

FELIX COLLINS: Well, what I'm not prepared to be, an active member or the cabinet or should I be. I mean the premier has to select his election cabinet now and then this is his team going forward. Ah you know, into 2015 because that's what the focus has to be on. Ah you know, I'm not going to be around in 2015 so I shouldn't be part of that transition group and you know, that's reasonable. What I am not prepared to be, an active member of cabinet. I certainly am prepared to be an active MHA and I have got a number of things on my agenda that I want to complete before I finish and they've been on my radar for some time. And ah they're budgetary items, most of them, but they're things that I want to see written off before I finish and it was always my intention to stay until that's done.

PADDY DALY: And so you were going to stay right until the end of the term until the government drops writ for the next election, then you'll retire, resign at that point and not before.

FELIX COLLINS: That's right. And you know, when you talk about the possibility of going before and evoking a by-election in my district, you know, it's not as simple as it looks. It's not certain yet when the
premier is going to call a general election. I think all indications are at this point in time that it certainly will be less than a year. It will probably be, all indications are it will probably be late spring. Ah and so you call a by-election for the district, then two or three months after that, you have a general election. Two or three months after that, you got a federal election and the indications I have, the people, my constituents, they don’t want that. That’s election fatigue and they’re not prepared for that and I completely agree with them.

PADDY DALY: If you, you know, as a member of the party and certainly for quite a long time here now, certainly you have seen and heard the backlash that has been directed at the new premier, Premier Davis, and the appointment of Ms. Manning. The conversation has got sidetracked from, well it’s gone all the way to constitutional convention. And some people see this as the final nail in the coffin, albeit maybe the tenth of the final nails. And this sort of arrogance that has been - people say that that has been representative of the PC government, this level of arrogance and this is a key or symbolic feature of the way that this appointment has gone on. She’s going to be serving as an unelected member. The House is going to reopen possibly for two full sessions where she will not be able to face the opposition, which is a key feature of our democracy. To help the party, to benefit the people of the province, to have and ensure that a new minister, a portfolio and a new unelected minister has a chance to do the right thing and get elected, is it not the right play as a former minister, a former Attorney General, a faithful member of the PC Party, is it not the right thing to step aside so Ms. Manning can seek reelection or seek an election right now? Get a legitimate mandate beyond the Premier’s Office. Get one from the people. Is it not in our best interest to do what convention says should be done and to ensure she has a chance to get elected ASAP. Not at her choosing. If she won’t run anywhere else but Placentia-St. Mary’s, should you not as the member step aside and allow that to happen?

FELIX COLLINS: Well, I mean certainly that’s an item for discussion and certainly a lot of people have that thinking. But for reasons I mentioned earlier, I’m going to be staying until the end of the term. Ah with respect to her being responsible to the House, I think there are ways and means that we can deal with that. She’ll be available to the media. There are lots of ways in which you can be responsible for the House. Opposition members can ask questions, they can put them in writing, they can be answered the next day. They can be answered by other ministers. She will be available to the media. So I mean, I don’t see that a big issue as you’re saying it is.

PADDY DALY: Well, if she can’t table legislation, she can’t ask for questions in the House of Assembly and consequently have her answers slated to Hansard. She cannot be held accountable in her own parliamentary House, which is the Legislature. I mean there’s everything about it, plus it flies in the face of standard and well accepted convention. These are not laws that are being broken legally, but they are absolutely an affront to some of the people’s best interests and the democratic fashion that we have had and we felt so close so long. She is not able to do what you say. Addressing a media scrum is not facing opposition questions for a newly branded, controversial rebranding of the former Department of Justice. Is it not the right thing that she present herself in the House so that we can actually ask her questions from our opposition parties officially?

FELIX COLLINS: If this were a situation where there were two years left in the term or three years left in the term, I mean I could see the necessity of doing that. But we’re facing a situation here where a general election is imminent in months rather than years and she wants to run in her own district of Placentia-St. Mary’s and I completely agree with that. I think we can find ways and means to expedite her access to the House and her access to the opposition and the media. And I don’t think it will be an issue that people make it out to be.

PADDY DALY: Well, I guess the people will make it the size of issue they choose and I guess that’s a
prerogative and the same thing for political parties and governments to ah give us their prerogative on this. Felix, now that you have seen over the last 12 years the performance of the government, there's been some good times for certain regions of the province. There's been lots of controversy suffered by the PC government, you know, and there's a long, long list so I won't get into it. People talk about a year is a long time in politics. Many say that the downward trend in the polls and the baggage that the PCs will bring to the next election, that the hope of being re-elected is slim to none. Your thoughts on that.

FELIX COLLINS: Well, you know, we've got a number of things going for us, Paddy. And I think, I think with the right effort, I think it can be turned around. First of all, all the polls indicate that over 60 per cent, 60 per cent of the people are satisfied with government, with what government is doing. I mean that's a significant figure. And I think at the end of the day, combine that with the fact, combine that with the fact, and you yourself I think will have to admit that the Liberals haven't offered anything in the way of positive, you know, alternatives or policy initiatives that they're going to bring forward. And they're just sitting back and hoping that it's going to fall in their lap. So you know, I think that we're in a place in this province where we've never been before in terms of economic and social prosperity. And if this government has brought us here, 62 per cent of the people are satisfied with that. Yes, we've made some mistakes. We've made some blunders. Ah we've done some things, you know, we've self destructed in a lot of ways. Ah but we've got some time to turn it around. We've got a new leader. We've got a new team going forward. You know, I think at the end of the day, at the end of the day the decisions people have to make, you know, to stay with a group ah you know, that's brought this province to the level that it is ah over the last ten years and have plans that continue to go forward, or are you going to give it back to a group that practically bankrupted the province prior to 2003 and has shown nothing in the way of policy initiatives going forward.

PADDY DALY: Yeah.

FELIX COLLINS: I think, I think you know, we're in better shape than people think we are.

PADDY DALY: Yeah and I guess the fiscal capacity of the Liberal government performed some decade plus ago is a debatable issue as well, because you know, some of the, some of what the PCs have enjoyed is the beneficiary of timing and that's no fault of your own. That's just the way politics works. When it comes to some of the serious issues that have people concerned with in the recent past here, one for me which I think is the biggest story is the resignation of former minister Nick McGrath, the cancellation of the Humber Valley Paving contract, the fact that it wasn't discussed or debated, although it was controversial and politically tangly in the cabinet room. We, many people called for the next level of investigation, whether that be the RCMP or strike a judicial inquiry. We don't have all the answers we need. And as a former minister of the government, do you think that's in your party's best interest and the people's best interest to get those answers to questions still left unresolved?

FELIX COLLINS: Well, you know, that's something we wish, you know, we'd like to have behind this. It was certainly an incident, an episode that hasn't done us any favours, that's for sure. Ah but you know, the former premier brought in the Attorney General to, or brought in the Auditor General ah to investigate that and the Auditor General did his job and made his report. The new premier has acted on it. To go further with a judicial inquiry and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars, you know, I don't think, my own opinion is I think the issue is done. The matter has been dealt with. Ah I don't think there's any need to go further with it.

PADDY DALY: Well you know, when we hear political parties say we're listening, we're consulting the people, we are, have our ears open and willing to react to the needs of the people, when the vast majority
of people I talk to, and I think this is reflective of the Newfoundland and Labrador population. They want more questions answered and they want people to be able to offer sworn testimony, not just so far as the authority of the Auditor General goes. They want more. So if you're listening to the people and the people say they want it, why wouldn't you just go ahead and do what the people are asking, if that's one of the mantras of the party?

FELIX COLLINS: Well you know, again it depends on who you're talking to. I mean certainly the opposition is going to call for a judicial inquiry, the media is going to call for a judicial inquiry because it's in their best interest to have these positions. But as far as the government is concerned, at least to this point, and I can't speak for the premier or I can't speak for any thoughts that they have moving forward. But my understanding is of now, the position of government is the issue has been dealt with and ah, and it's time to move on.

PADDY DALY: I appreciate your time this morning, Felix. I know you're going to be around until the writ is dropped and at the end of the term comes upon us. So I appreciate your time this morning and hopefully we'll have another conversation before you're done as an MHA representing the folks of Placentia-St. Mary's.

FELIX COLLINS: I want to make sure, I want to make my constituents - because there are some people out there who may have the perception that for some reason or other Felix Collins was wrongly done by. But Felix Collins hasn't been treated in any way by this government and by this premier or former premiers - I've been extremely fortunate with the experience that I had, with the nine years that I've had in politics and the five years I've had in cabinet. It's been a great experience and there's no reason for anybody to feel that I have been, you know, slighted in any way.

PADDY DALY: I appreciate your time this morning.

FELIX COLLINS: Thanks, Paddy.

PADDY DALY: Thank you. Bye bye. Felix Collins, PC member for Placentia-St. Mary's.

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Dear Premier:

I spoke with Lynn Moore directly. She is coming in to meet with me at 11:00 on October 21, 2014. Appears very pleased to have been asked, as she advised she had requested meetings with several of my predecessors but had been unsuccessful in arranging any meetings.

Thanks for the suggestion.

Judy
Premier Announces Change to Department Name

The Honourable Paul Davis, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, today announced that the Department of Public Safety is being renamed the Department of Justice and Public Safety.

“Recently government changed the name of the Department of Justice to the Department of Public Safety, after hearing feedback from the general public regarding the need for government to have a greater focus on crime and the safety of citizens. Stakeholders have since expressed some concern that the new department name may cause confusion. To address this, while also more clearly reflecting the ministry’s Auditor General responsibilities, we are incorporating the former departmental name (Justice) into the current title. I can assure the public that we are committed to safe communities and a strong justice system. This new department name reflects that commitment. Our government will continue to listen to the residents of the province and act accordingly.”
- The Honourable Paul Davis, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

The Department of Justice and Public Safety will continue to protect the rights and freedoms of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians while also ensuring that public safety remains a significant focus. A key contributor to that mandate will be the Premier’s Advisory Council on Crime.

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Media contact:
Dear Editor:

We are coming up on the 1 month anniversary of Paul Davis being selected as premier at the PC AGM.

Since he was elected premier Paul Davis has been heavily scrutinized as people wonder if he's going to keep the PC government going past 2015 or if he's going to be another Roger Grimes and be the premier that is at the helm when a previously successful government is defeated at the polls.

Of all the moves Davis has been criticized for was renaming the dept. of justice to that of public safety, we even had people calling the province a police state now, all this over a dept. having its name changed.

We even had a Liberal candidate in the next election and quite possible a Liberal minister should they form government take to Twitter and say we were now the only province in Canada without a justice department, even though Ontario doesn't have 1 (It's called Justice Ontario mind you but the ministry is Community Safety and Correctional Services) and in PEI their justice minister also serves as environment and labour minister so I wonder what the people who criticized this move would say about those 2 provinces and their names for their justice depts.

So after much criticism the premier changed the name back last week, still I can't see why people who were outraged over this, did they honestly think that justice issues would be ignored over a name change? If they did I wonder what they thought back in the 90's when the Liberals called the fishery department fisheries, food and agriculture. The same fishery which has maintained this province longer than the oil was combined with agriculture back in the 90's this in the aftermath of the cod moratorium of 1992.

To me it's hoopla over nothing but 1 thing I'll say about it is that if this is the biggest complaint people have about the government then the PC's must be doing a good job.
Dear Joe's minnion

Everything I read in your constituency newsletter and your comments on the news, you seem to have a lot of rhetoric about renewal in the PC party? I'd say half of the tree huggers living in the battery now are wanna be PC card holders, and your supporting them. Their from places like Maine and Massachusetts and Ontario and they wrote a beautiful poem or painted a marvelous picture so now they can claim Newfoundlander status now? A lot of Newfoundlanders and Labradors have made their living on the mainland of Canada since confederation. If you haven't noticed. I expect better rhetoric than this from you. I agree we didn't get the best deal in confederation and the federal government continues to pawn our fish resources as trade bait. But I don't think Mr. Ball is going to do anything for our province either. There has been some benefits to joining Canada none the less. Maybe you should go on a trip somewhere else in Canada? Or better yet, quit acting like a mainlander and come down and picket and bargain for the working class people? The province might be all Liberal next time around? A Newfoundlander can go to Ontario for thirty years and pay income tax every year then when he moves home and his daughter needs a student loan they'll say NO your father makes too much money? But the people across the street who just got off a camel, their kids can go to university and the government or the Association for New Canadians will put them up in a house. Wonderful!! We have to be tolerant, then you should be tolerant of ex pat Newfoundlanders who come back home because maybe you are a mainlander! Your living in CBS, Hey B'ye! Ask yourself you've been infiltrated by the biggest turncoat family in the history of NL politics. There is a nice federal wharf out in St.Brides. You are not as smart as some have given you credit for. Who is the clown that was Ms. Manning's companion at the convention anyway? Are you going to be a Harper whipping boy like Fabian?

2 Dumb Cops, 2 Dumb Cops, will be gone when the curtain is finally lifted off the confederation building! After they spend another $70 million dollar

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Thank you for your suggestions, supported by a good factual analysis that emphasizes the need for a continued effort to ensure province-wide representation amongst our public bodies.

Our government, under Premier Davis' leadership, is committed to increasing the diversity of the composition of our appointed boards, including the geographic diversity of same. You will be pleased to note our efforts on that front as we move forward with new appointments.

At the moment, I am driving from Lewisporte to St. John's following a fire truck funding announcement in Lewisporte, and I am unable to engage further at the moment, but for to assure you that I share the Premier's view that there is great talent and great resources "beyond the overpass".

Also, on a personal note, I want to thank you for your support of my appointment and I look forward to having our paths cross again soon.

Judy
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Hon. Judy Manning
Minister of Justice and Public Safety
Attorney General
Minister Responsible for the Status of Women
Minister Responsible for Fire and Emergency Services

Just wondering what your thought are on everything is in St. John's? All PUB members; C-NLOPB members; School Board; Memorial University; Health Science; Confederation Building; Government House; Nalcor, Hydro Place, 500 Columbus Drive; Newfoundland Power, 55 Kenmount Road; RCMP Headquarters, 100 East White Hills Road (even though St. John's is an RNC area and the RCMP, by and large, police rural NL), etc., etc. 57 percent of NL MP's fly out of St. John's Airport, 83 percent of NL Senators fly out of St. John's Airport. St. John's, the most easterly point in North America, except Cape Spear. In terms of geographic area, St. John's is only 0.1 percent of NL, Avalon only 2 percent. We have major Airports in Gander, Deer Lake, Stephenville and Goose Bay.

Judy Foote lives in St. John's, even though she is the Member of Parliament for the riding of Random—Burin—St. George's. Previously, Ed Roberts, Bill Rowe, Tom Lush, Beaton Tulk, Roger Grimes, etc., etc. all lived in St. John's, but represented districts outside St. John's.
Something doesn’t seem quite right here! Are we still in the days of the fish merchants?

P.s. Glad to see that you will be running in Placentia - St. Mary's and not Conception Bay South, Trinity - Bay De Verde, or Humber East.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: October 23, 2014 1:45 PM
To: 'LHarris@newfoundlandpower.com'
Cc: 'customerrelations@newfoundlandpower.com'; 'GSmith@newfoundlandpower.com'; 'JPerry@newfoundlandpower.com'; 'PAitne@newfoundlandpower.com'; 'ELudlow@newfoundlandpower.com'; 'ito@pub.nl.ca'; 'awells@pub.nl.ca'; 'dwhalen@pub.nl.ca'; 'dnewman@pub.nl.ca'; 'joxford@pub.nl.ca'
Subject: FW: LED bulbs

Oh, my, oh my Newfoundland Power is no better than Danny Williams... everything is in St. John's! I just took a Newfoundland Power business card at the Newfoundland Power office in Gander and it said: 50 Duffy Place, inside the overpass! And the only phone number on the business card is Power outages or emergencies, and, Account balance information... all in that mysterious place in St. John's!

Sure not enough hydro power on the Avalon to run a cat house on George Street!

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: October 23, 2014 12:29 PM
To: 'customerrelations@newfoundlandpower.com'
Subject: LED bulbs

Customer Relations
Newfoundland Power

Bought a 60 watt LED bulb at Kent Store in Gander for $9.99 – a $3.00 discount.

Bought 9 60 watt LED bulbs at Walmart in Gander, today for $11.98 with no discount.

Why is this? See attached.
Premier,

[Redacted]

Saturday, October 25, 2014 1:50 PM

TRIM: FW: the recent turmoil

Follow up
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I have not yet received a reply to this message.

St John's, NL. Canada.

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 4:46 PM
To: 'premier@gov.nl.ca'
Subject: the recent turmoil

Very briefly, let me say the following:
1. I am appalled by Ms Manning's appointment. On top of that, she refuses to run in up-coming by-elections. This is arrogant and improper. The whole business smells, and seems to me to be a major misjudgement by the current administration.
2. My comments have nothing to do with Ms Manning's gender. I would say the same about a male appointee.
3. The names of her partner and relatives are absolutely relevant, and that Ms Manning should be surprised about such comments shows a surprising degree of political inexperience and naivety.
4. I hope to see a judicial enquiry into the Humber Valley Paving business. That is the real test of the Davis government's integrity. The public needs to know a great deal more about the whole Coleman fiasco.

St John's, NL. Canada.
E-mail Message

From: Jarvis, Carolyn B. [EX/O=PSNL/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CAROLYNJ]
To: Premier [SMTP: premier@gov.nl.ca]
Cc:
Sent: 10/30/2014 at 12:56 PM
Received: 10/30/2014 at 12:56 PM
Subject: Ministerial Response to Incoming Correspondence....

RE: ICOR2014/1791 Letter from Roger Green, Trinity-Bay De Verde Joint Mayors Association dated September 22 2014 re: police presence in their area

The above referenced correspondence was reviewed by the Honourable Judy Manning, Minister and Attorney General and Paul Noble, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General, Justice and Public Safety. Mr. Noble forwarded this correspondence to Ms. Tracy Hardy, A/Comm, RCMP - FYI. No reply necessary.

Thank you,

Carolyn Jarvis

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