October 12, 2016

Dear [s.40(1)]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act BTCRD-31-2016

On September 14, 2016, the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development received your request for access to the following records:

A copy of all correspondence to and from the federal government since December 1, 2016 relating to the CETA fisheries fund

You were contacted to verify that you were looking for the period of December 1, 2015 to present.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development to provide access to the requested information.

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

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.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 729-3356 or by email at wcomeau@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Wayne Comeau
ATIPP Coordinator
JUL 07 2016

The Honourable Christopher Mitchelmore, M.H.A.
Minister of Business, Tourism,
Culture and Rural Development
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
P.O. Box 8700
St. John’s NL A1B 4J6

Dear Minister:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, 2016, regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

I am very pleased by Newfoundland and Labrador’s strong support for CETA and I hope your province reaps the maximum benefit following its entry into force.

The signature and entry into force of CETA is a top priority for the Government of Canada, and honouring the commitment made to your province with respect to the fisheries issue is of utmost importance. We hope to address and resolve it in a mutually satisfactory manner in the near future.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P.
June 14, 2016

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Minister of International Trade
Global Affairs Canada
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2

Dear Minister Freeland:

I wish to thank you for your ongoing engagement in the work to operationalize the Fisheries Investment Fund (FIF) that was negotiated in concert with the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

As we have had the opportunity to discuss, Newfoundland and Labrador strongly supports CETA, and welcomes the trade opportunities that will arise through its implementation. Accordingly, the Province is committed to the complete implementation of the negotiated outcomes of the Agreement, a crucial part of which will be the operationalization of the FIF. I note that in light of the timeline for CETA implementation, it is vital that we quickly finalize all matters related to the FIF.

I appreciate your attention to this issue, and I look forward to continuing to work together to realize the benefits of CETA for Newfoundland and Labrador, and all Canadians.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER MITCHELMORE, MHA
District of St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows
Minister
March 7, 2016

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of International Trade  
125 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0G2

Dear Minister Freeland:

It was a pleasure speaking with you on January 28, 2016. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss topics of shared interest, particularly the Fisheries Investment Fund.

Further to your suggestion, our respective officials should begin a dialogue on implementing this initiative. Please advise your Deputy Minister to contact my Deputy Minister as soon as possible. We would be glad to host the initial meeting in St. John’s or, alternatively, travel to Ottawa.

I look forward to collaborating with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER MITCHELMORE  
Minister  

cc: Premier Dwight Ball  
Honourable Judy Foote  
Honourable Steve Crocker  
Alastair O’Rielly, Deputy Minister
December 22, 2015

The Honourable Hunter Tootoo
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Tootoo:

On behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development I wish to formally invite you for discussions on expanding cooperation and collaboration in our mutual areas of responsibility on your upcoming visit to the Province.

As you are aware, Newfoundland and Labrador’s economic and cultural roots and its future depend largely on the ocean. The fishery remains a critical socioeconomic sector for the province and its coastal communities, with safe passage on the ocean being paramount for not only this sector, but also our oil and gas, transportation, tourism and other sectors.

Given your position as Minister responsible for Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, as well as being the regional Minister for Nunavut, there are several areas where our respective mandates overlap that warrant discussion. For my Department, these areas include our Arctic Opportunities Initiative, recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the Government of Nunavut, and the Canada and European Union (EU) Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

The MOU between the Governments of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Nunavut builds upon the history of successful cooperation between our two jurisdictions and encourages increased collaboration and partnership among stakeholders as both jurisdictions prepare for future development and increased economic activity in the Arctic. A copy of the MOU is attached for your information. Mutually identified areas for collaboration identified under the MOU include Natural Resources, Education and Training, Transportation and Infrastructure, Culture and Tourism, Research and Development, and Health Care. Both governments are committed to the success of this MOU through regular meetings of its Coordination and Implementation Committee.
Thank you in advance for considering this request. I look forward to discussing these and other issues with you on your upcoming visit to the province and, if you have the time, to organizing a tour of our arctic related research infrastructure/capabilities.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

CHRISTOPHER MITCHELMORE, MHA
District of St. Barbe - L’Anse aux Meadows
Minister


c:  Premier Dwight Ball
    Honourable Steve Crocker
    Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture
December 22, 2015

Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Minister of International Trade
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Freeland:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of International Trade. As you may know, I was recently appointed as Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development. In our respective mandate letters, we have been tasked with advancing the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

From Newfoundland Labrador's perspective, the main unresolved issue is the Fisheries Investment Fund. I would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss this matter. I will be attending the upcoming Canadian Council of Tourism Ministers' Meeting in Winnipeg on Thursday, January 14th and would welcome an opportunity to meet with you in Ottawa either en route to or from Winnipeg, should your calendar permit.

If a meeting is not possible at this time, please suggest another date when we could meet.

Thank you and Seasons Greetings to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER MITCHELMORE, MHA
District of St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows
Minister

c: Premier Dwight Ball

Hon. Steve Crocker
Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture
Jeff - nothing new yet, I'm afraid, but we now have to work on the response to the letter, which I'm hoping will concentrate minds. Will let you know as soon as something starts moving.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

Any update?

Steve,

Please see letter sent to Minister Freeland from Minister Mitchelmore. We should discuss ASAP.

Jeff

Good afternoon Minister Freeland:

Please find attached, correspondence from the Honourable Christopher Mitchelmore relating to the Fisheries Investment Fund.

Thank you,

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