Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: MA/95/2016]

On November 21, 2016, the Department of Municipal Affairs received your request for access to the following records/information:

“This is a request for any and all correspondence (including but not limited to e-mails, letters, briefing notes, funding applications, etc) between Tourism Bell Island Inc. and the Department of Municipal Affairs, which relate to the 3 payments totaling 22000, which were issued from that department to Tourism Bell Island Inc. from the years April 1, 2009 to October 21, 2016, according to the ATIPP file FIN-66-2016.”

On November 30, 2016 you clarified your request to the following:

“Records/information regarding the $11,000 in funding provided to Tourism Bell Island Inc in 2015 for the purpose of installing a concrete barrier for a mine shaft.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department to provide access to the requested information. Enclosed you will find a copy of the requested records.

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

P.O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL, Canada A1B 4J6 t 709.729-6528 f 709.729-4475
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 me by telephone at 729-6528 or by e-mail at scotwinters@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Scott Winters
Manager of Accountability / ATIPP Coordinator
Sept. 09\textsuperscript{th}, 2015

\textit{Dear Minister Hutchings:}

On behalf of Tourism Bell Island Inc. I am seeking financial assistance to get rid of a dangerous situation that we experienced when we are presenting our haunted tour called "The Ghosts of Bell Island." Our walking tour which includes ten actors and at peak twenty patrons takes place in an area known as #4 Mines Shaft. The plays take place in the summer from July until the third week in August. The shaft itself is an above ground concrete structure known as the collar that was once a part of the iron ore mines.

This structure is a keystone to our haunted tours that helps us to create an atmosphere which is such a major part of our play. As well, soon we will going into the mines collar to expand the plays and lengthen our time period.

The problem we encounter and it is one of safety. We have quads and dirt bikes that come up through the collar at times ignoring the actors and patrons, creating a dangerous situation for all.

The way to eliminate the problem would be to concrete up the front and side then put a steel door at either entrance and it would then be impossible for ATV's or dirt bikes to enter the area. We have already asked for quoted from local contractors to have this work done.

The estimates we received are from $10,000-$11,000 for such a job. We are asking your department to contribute the money towards this project.

Making this area safe and secure would be highly beneficial to tourism as we would now have a safe environment for actors and patrons. It would also provide us the ability to go further into the season and such expansion would also allow to expand and do further plays and other venues over time.
Minister Brazil is quite aware of the need for this and I am sure he would be available to expand on this letter. I have also copied him on this letter. As well, I am always available if you require information or clarification on anything. In the past two and a half years, tourism on Bell Island has been growing by leaps and bounds. Having this unsafe environment made safe is but another piece of the puzzle we would need to go ahead.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Cordially yours

[Signature]

Henry Crane (Tourism Bell Island Inc.)
Decision/Direction Note
Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs

Title: Bell Island Tourism Incorporated Special Assistance Request

Decision/Direction Required:
• Seeking the decision of the Executive Committee on whether to provide a Special Assistance Grant to the Bell Island Tourism Incorporated for $11,000.00 to contribute towards the cost of installing a concrete barrier for the safety of tours though the Bell Island #4 Mine Shaft.

Background and Current Status:
• Bell Island Tourism Incorporated operates a walking tour which includes ten actors and at peak twenty patrons in an area known as the Bell Island #4 Mines Shaft.
• The shaft itself is an above ground concrete structure known as the collar that was once a part of the iron ore mines.
• Lately, ATVs and dirt bikes drive up through the collar during performances and ignore actors and patrons, creating a dangerous situation.
• The Bell Island Tourism Inc. advises that by constructing a concrete wall with a steel door at either entrance would prevent these vehicles from entering the area.
• The estimated cost for a contractor to build this wall and install the steel door is estimated at $10,000-$11,000.

Analysis:
• Bell Island Tourism Incorporated is requesting SA funding of $10,000-$11,000 to contribute towards the cost of installing a concrete barrier for the safety of tours though the Bell Island #4 Mine Shaft.

Recommendation:
• The Finance Committee has deferred to Executive due to the non-municipal nature of this request.

Prepared/approved by: S. Bradley / R. Hibbs
Date: September 28, 2015
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting 15-09 in the Department at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

**IN ATTENDANCE**
- Heather Tizzard: Assistant Deputy Minister
- Dan Hynes: Regional Director, Central/Western/Lab
- Dan Noseworthy: Regional Director, Eastern
- Rayanne Hibbs: Manager of Municipal Finance
- Steven Bradley: Financial Officer

**REGRETS**
- Scott Jones: Director of Municipal Finance
- Andy Morgans: Director Local Governance

*The following items were tabled and recommended by the Finance Committee.*

Non Responsive
Non-municipal Requests

6 Bell Island Tourism

Recommend deferral to executive of a funding request for $11,000.00 for installing a concrete barrier for the safety of tours though the Bell Island #4 Mine Shaft.

Non Responsive

Steven Bradley
Secretary

Heather Tizzard
Assistant Deputy Minister

Rayanne Hillis
Director
Executive Decision Summary
October 6, 2015

Pursuant to the Executive Committee Meeting 15-09 in the Department at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

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Bell Island Tourism Inc.
Mr. Henry Crane
PO Box 279
Bell Island, NL A0A 4H0

Dear Mr. Crane:

Re: Special Assistance Grant, Project # 17-SAG-16-073

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs has approved a Special Assistance Grant in the amount of $11,000.00, to contribute towards the cost of installing a concrete barrier for the safety of tours though the Bell Island #4 Mine Shaft.

A payment in the amount of $11,000.00 will be requisitioned with the Department of Finance and will be forwarded to your organization. Funds are repayable to government if not used in accordance with the purpose for which these funds have been approved.

Sincerely,

KEITH HUTCHINGS, MHA
District of Ferryland
Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs

cc: Hon. David Brazil, MHA
cc: Heather Tizzard, Assistant Deputy Minister