January 27, 2017

Dear [redacted - s.40(1)]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our file #ENV/004/2017]

On January 16, 2017 the Department of Environment and Climate Change received your request for access to the following records/information:

"The Department of Environment produced a flood risk mapping study in 2015 which established the flood plain limits for No Name Stream in Portugal Cove. I would like access to the HEC-HMS and HEC-HMS MODEL data used by AMEC to establish the flood plain limits which they used to delineate the flood plain limits. Specifically, I am seeking the data used for the 1:20 and 1:100 floods. The report shows the limits, but it does not provide the flows used to establish these flows, nor the raw data used to establish the flood plains, which is the purpose of this Access Request."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment and Climate Change to grant access to the requested information. In accordance with your request, the appropriate copies of records have been enclosed. Please note that the department routinely shares this type of flood risk data, so any future requests of this nature can be sent directly to the Water Resources Management Division.

Section 15 of the Act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving a request. As this request has been completed by day 10, this letter also serves as our advisory response.

Section 42 of the Act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. 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
In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that this response will be published following a 72 hour period after it 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 response 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, I can be reached by telephone at (709) 729-1589 or by e-mail at nicolerowsell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

NICOLE ROWSELL
Departmental ATIPP Coordinator
Please note the responsive records are not included as they require specific software to open.