Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #:CSSD 4-2017]

On January 10, 2016, the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development received your request for access to the following records/information:

“All information sent to/from the Minister that relates to the resignation of Mrs. Carol Chafe.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development to provide access to the requested information.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies will be sent via email.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of 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. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
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P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8

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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 contact me by telephone at (709) 729-7529 or by email at saradow@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,

Sara Dow
ATIPP Coordinator
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Can one of you ladies kindly print this for the minister?

Thanks,

Mel

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ADVISE FOR REPLACEMENT: "Carol Chafe" talks about what advise she would give whoever ends up in the position of Child and Youth Advocate about it being all about the children and youth. She urges government to cooperate with the office because it is so crucial that there be mandatory reporting. ["Heather Gillis", Guest Panelist]
HEATHER GILLIS: As many people know, you will be leaving in the middle of December, and moving on; you haven't reapplied for your job, but, for the person who steps up and takes it next: what kind of advice do you have for them going forward, for children and youth in the province?

CAROL CHAFE: Well, firstly, I would say focus on the children and youth. This position is so crucial; I mean, people fought for this to be created years ago, this office and this position, and especially over the most recent years, its been so productive and so good for what we can do for the children and youth. So, its crucial that the person in there is focused on that; focused on the mandate of the office. Its not a role you go into for yourself, or to promote yourself or anything else. It has to be all about the children and youth. The second thing is, I would say, there are a lot of good processes we have set up, and I have excellent staff there: Please, you know, work with them and listen to them. Move forward what we've done, by all means, you know...you have your own ideas, but don't just wipe out what's been done. Have a good clear eye and look at it all, and just move the momentum forward and don't give up, because every little bit of progress helps in moving it forward.

LYNN BURRY: And your advice to the government, when it comes to assisting the work of your office?

CAROL CHAFE: Oh, well, as always, under the legislation, cooperate and provide us with the information we want, but please pass the legislation for mandatory reporting for the office, because, as I said, I wasn't pursuing that for me, myself, but for the position and the office, and that's so crucial for all the children and youth, that that legislation for mandatory reporting of critical incidents and deaths occur, because then, at least, we're knowing about everything, and we can try and help every child, instead of just one.

LYNN BURRY: And, of course, the comment you made just a moment ago that if there are cutbacks to come in government spending, it should not be in...

CAROL CHAFE: No, its not an area to even consider, it really isn't, because its obvious that it needs the resources, and it needs more attention.
LYNN BURRY: Ms. Chafe, I know you're retiring from this position. You've had a career now as Child and Youth Advocate; you had a long career in the health care sector as well, and this may not be the last we've heard of Carol Chafe.

CAROL CHAFE: That's not my plan right now. I'll take a little break, but I'm certainly ready to take on another challenge.

LYNN BURRY: Well, good luck to you in the future.

CAROL CHAFE: Thank you very much.

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Email: production@nlnewsnow.ca
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Can we get the info on when the CYA's position was posted online; when it was removed and where we are with the process - IAC?

Thank you,
Minister

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Please see the following unedited version of the QP from today. Attached is the full period and below are the excerpts relevant to the department; the specific questions from Opposition and Third Party have been highlighted:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune.
MS. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Did the minister of child, youth and family services have any concerns about government collapsing the once stand-alone Department of CYFS?
MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development.
MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: Not at all, Mr. Speaker.
We have put two very good teams together. Child protection is a critical and challenging area of service delivery and the two teams together are doing a great job.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune.
MS. PERRY: The Child and Youth Advocate, Carol Chafe, in an interview this weekend said that she was pleased with the progress being made by the former administration. Little to nothing has been done by the current government over the last 12 months.
I ask the minister: Can she tell us what’s been done with mandatory reporting legislation?
MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development.
MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Yes, Mr. Speaker, I, myself, met with the Child and Youth Advocate just last month and my team is meeting next month. The department’s involved with the critical incident reporting, reporting of deaths and critical incidents – are working independently on their own issues and their own statements.

Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune.
MS. PERRY: Last year, Mr. Speaker, that legislation was just about ready to bring into government. It was nearly a year now –

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!
MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!
The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune.
MS. PERRY: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.
It was tabled in our last days of government, so why have you been delaying it for over a year?
MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development.
MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: Mr. Speaker, I’m not sure how they knew it was going to be their last days in
government and I’m not sure why they didn’t put it through; however, we are working to put it through and we
will deliver on our promise.
SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!
MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune.
MS. PERRY: We certainly didn’t know that would happen. That’s how history turned out. If we were there it
would have been done by now, Mr. Speaker.
SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!
MS. PERRY: I ask the minister of child, youth and family services with respect to children that are in the care
of the Newfoundland government, what measures has her government put in place to ensure these children are
receiving the proper vaccinations?
MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Health and Community Services.
MR. HAGGIE: Mr. Speaker, there is a universal vaccination program for, I think, somewhere between 11 and 14 conditions which rolls out and is available to every child in the province free of charge.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune.

MS. PERRY: Mr. Speaker, it doesn’t give me a comfort level that they’re looking after the children in their care.

When will all the children in the care of government receive their vaccinations?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Health and Community Services.

MR. HAGGIE: Mr. Speaker, thank you for the question. If the Member opposite has any evidence that they are not receiving them, I would be delighted to hear it.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for the District of St. John’s Centre.

MS. ROGERS: Mr. Speaker, Carol Chafe, the Child and Youth Advocate is stepping down after six years of intensive and courageous work on behalf of the children and youth of our province. Her last day is December 15, less than a month away.

I ask the minister, Mr. Speaker: How long has she known the advocate was stepping down, what has she done to start the process to find a new replacement, how long will it take the Independent Appointments Commission to find her replacement?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development.

MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: Mr. Speaker, I found out like everyone else when Carol was stepping down, through the media release. The appointments, it will go through the Independent Appointments Commission.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol. Her work has been phenomenal and she is dedicated to her job.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for St. John’s Centre.

MS. ROGERS: Mr. Speaker, this is a crucial role in our province. I ask the minister: What is planning to do to fill the vacant position of Child and Youth Advocate until a new advocate is found?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development.

MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: Mr. Speaker, I believe Carol will stay in the role until December 15. It will go through the Independent Appointments Commission.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for St. John’s Centre.

MS. ROGERS: Mr. Speaker, December 15 is just a few weeks away. What is she going to do to bridge that gap?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development.

MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: Mr. Speaker, we knew this position was up for review and we have already put it up on the website and advertised for the position.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for St. John’s Centre.

MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Well it’s going to take longer than a few weeks I dare say.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the minister what is she going to do to address the crisis issues the Auditor General raised in his report regarding the documentation and assessment issues in child protection cases?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development.

MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: Mr. Speaker, child protection is a critical and challenging area of service delivery. Every day our social workers go to work making difficult decisions about the safety and protection of our children. Our department has put in place a quality committee. We accept all 27 recommendations of the Auditor General. We have met with the School of Social Work so we can fast track a program on documenting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!
MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for St. John’s Centre for a very quick question.

MS. ROGERS: Again, Mr. Speaker, I ask the minister where is the crucial long-awaited legislation of mandatory reporting of deaths and critical incidents of children and youth to the Child and Youth Advocate. When can we see that?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development, for a quick response.

MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: Mr. Speaker, the work is ongoing and as I said earlier each department is working on their individual proposed reporting protocol.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!
Please find below a record that is responsive to the ATIPPA request.

From: GambinWalsh, Sherry
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 8:47 PM
To: O'Neill, Melany <MelonyOneill@gov.nl.ca>; Cooper, Bruce <BruceCooper@gov.nl.ca>; White, Kelly <KellyWhite@gov.nl.ca>; Tilley, Jean <JeanTilley@gov.nl.ca
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Thank you. Can you find out in the morning if Carol's last day is in fact Dec 15th?

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Hi Minister,

I contacted Ann Chafe at the PSC and she provided the following information:

Dear Melony,

Further to your request:

The Office of the Child Youth Advocate is a statutory Office of the House of Assembly (HOA).

The Public Service Commission (PSC) provides support to the Independent Appointments Commission.

The PSC, on behalf of the IAC, worked with the HOA staff to develop advertising material, Sept 15 - 20th, 2016.

The position was posted on the IAC website and with Career Beacon on Sept 26, 2016. (There was a small delay on this posting at the request of the current C/Y Advocate)

The position competition closed October 11, 2016.

Over a 2 week period in October and November, 2016, stakeholder consultations were held with internal and external groups to assist in informing the IAC selection process.

Screening of the competition and preliminary interviews have been conducted.

A panel of IAC members will review results and determine if further information is necessary.
Conflict of Interest Declaration Statements will be received from candidates the IAC deem suitable for the position. Candidate reference checks will be completed.

It is anticipated the IAC will forward recommendations to Cabinet Secretariat in the near future.

If I can be of any assistance please let me know.
Ann

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Carol Chafe: commenting ongoing investigations
Expressing the need for knowledge and expertise for dealing with sensitive files relating to the care of our children and youth
Need to have a better assessment of the communities especially those with a history of domestic violence

Paddy Daley thanked Ms. Chafe for her work and dedication to the files she has worked on. Ms. Chafe concludes her role in two weeks.

[Audio attached]
New Child and Youth Advocate Appointed

The Honourable Tom Osborne, Speaker of the House of Assembly, today announced the appointment of Ms. Jacqueline Lake Kavanagh as the new Child and Youth Advocate, effective December 16, 2016.

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The appointment of Ms. Lake Kavanagh was confirmed by resolution of the House of Assembly on December 12, 2016, as per Section 4 of the Child and Youth Advocate Act.

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