Dear [Redacted],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: MAE/23/2017]

On May 9, 2017, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment received your request for access to the following records/information:

"I am requesting the Total Number of Conflict of Interest complaints made against Councillors and Mayors in all Municipalities for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016. Include the names of the Mayors and Councillors. I would like the date each complaint was filed and the date on which a decision was made by each Municipality on each complaint."

Please be advised that the Deputy Minister has reviewed this request and the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment has no records responsive to your request.

As discussed on the phone, the towns are not required to report complaints made against councillors and mayors to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, and the Department does not track or collect data to prepare statistics to answer your request.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

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.

P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL, Canada A1B 4J6  709 729 5677  709 729 0943  www.gov.nl.ca
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.

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 709-729-5846 or by e-mail at aliasmtery@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

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