August 22, 2014

s.30(1)

Dear [Redacted] - s.30(1)

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act: # LAAO/001/2014

On July 22, 2104, the Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs Office received your request for access to the following records:

"Correspondence – in any and all formats, including paper and electronic – to and from the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office on the topic of the Labrador flag. Date range of request is July 1, 2013 to the present."

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part. In particular, access is granted to the following records:

- Email correspondence on the Labrador Flag from July 1, 2013 to present to and from the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office
- Decision/Direction Note: Status of the Labrador Flag, February 17, 2014
- Decision/Direction Note: Status of the Labrador Flag, February 21, 2014
- Briefing Note: Labrador Flag, September 08, 2008
- Briefing Note: Labrador Flag, January 31, 2007
- Information Note: The Labrador Flag, March 10, 2014

Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with Sections 20(1)(a) and 20(1)(c) of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) which states:

20. (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal
(a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister;
(c) consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a public body, a minister or the staff of a minister.

Please note that the following information has been fully redacted from the package:
- pages 16, 28, and 44 in accordance with Section 20(1)(a) of the Act
- Page 39 as it is non-responsive to the request.

P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL, Canada A1B 4J6
As required by subsection 7(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

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

Section 43 of the Act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this partial refusal of access or you may appeal the refusal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Information and Privacy Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 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
34 Pippy Place
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that these records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Your personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Shawn Melindy, ATIPP Coordinator at (709) 896-1780 or by email at shawnmelindy@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Aubrey Gover
Deputy Minister

P.O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL, Canada A1B 4J6
Good trip..bad wind on-shore though..am having trouble getting back to walking on land..
Sent wirelessly from my BlackBerry device on the Bell network.
Envoyé sans fil par mon terminal mobile BlackBerry sur le réseau de Bell.

Of course Mr. President, consider it done. I will take care of for you.

How was Rigolet, sounds like a great trip!!!

Ron

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Good day Mr. ADM..would it be possible for you to acquire a Provincial Flag for us for the Visitor Information Centre. I took care of the Labrador one. But now need to display the other. Its something like 41by27 I think..cheers

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Hi Ron,

No problem, I will work on a requisition for this request and once completed submit for your review and signatures. I think there might be some on Standing offer.

Thanks,
Erin

-----Original Message-----
From: Bowles, Ron
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2013 1:15 PM
To: Snow, Erin
Cc: Watkins, Michelle
Subject: FW: Flag

Erin, please purchase two provincial flags for the Labrador north Chamber of Commerce, thanks,

Ron

Ron Bowles
Assistant Deputy Minister

Government of
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From: president@chamberlabrador.com [mailto:president@chamberlabrador.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Bowles, Ron  
Subject: Flag

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Will get Erin to check it out

Ok, Labrador Heritage may have some.

Ron

I chatted to Aubrey – we need the flag here for the news conferences on Friday. I think you will be back here before they are finished with them. Most entities come to us for a loan of flags – I am not aware of anywhere we can source it. Aubrey was going to chat with the protocol office too b/c they may not be able to use the flag.

Michelle, can you track down to Labrador Flags for me to bring to St. John’s on Sunday. You can leave in my office.

Ron

Ron, is coming in to town on Monday. Maybe he can bring one. Did anyone check with the Protocol Office? They may have one. Call Jennifer Crummey at that Office.

Aubrey Gover
Assistant Deputy Minister (Aboriginal Affairs)
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
St. John's, NL

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-----Original Message-----
From: Carter, CarolAnn
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Gover, Aubrey; Bowles, Ron
Cc: Maguire, Kelly
Subject: Labrador Flag requested by Exec Council

Hi Guys:
Have a request by Comms Branch for a Labrador Flag - requires for Tuesday. Do we have one in St. John's?
CA
Carol Ann Carter
Director of Communications
Transportation and Works
carolanncarter@gov.nl.ca
709.729.3015 cell 631.9505
Karen, please see if you can get this for Tuesday. If need be I can pick it up, since I leave close to Winco.

Aubrey Gover
Assistant Deputy Minister (Aboriginal Affairs)
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From: Watkins, Michelle
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 1:58 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey
Cc: Bowles, Ron (rabowles@gov.nl.ca)
Subject: Labrador Flag

Hi there,

Winco?? (not sure of spelling) is a flag supplier in St. John's. Erin advised that flags may be on standing offer – so it may be easier to source than we think. There are flag 'knock-offs' so you are better going with those sourced via standing offer.

Michelle

Michelle Watkins
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email: michellewatkins@gov.nl.ca
Ok

Aubrey T. Gover, Q.C.
Assistant Deputy Minister
Aboriginal Affairs
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs

From: Bowles, Ron
Sent: Sunday, December 08, 2013 07:02 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey
Subject: Re: LB Flag

We could not source a flag in time for me to bring on flight. I have requested two be ordered to have on hand for future requests.

Ron

Original Message

From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2013 10:26 AM
To: Bowles, Ron
Subject: LB Flag

Please bring this in just in case we cannot get one by Tuesday.

Aubrey Gover
Assistant Deputy Minister (Aboriginal Affairs)
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Melindy, Shawn D.

**From:** Snow, Erin  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2013 1:17 PM  
**To:** Bowles, Ron  
**Cc:** Snow, Erin  
**Subject:** RE: Labrador Flags

Hi Ron,

Sure no problem.

Please specify if you want me to purchase
1. flags with poles for inside use?

Thanks,
Erin

From: Bowles, Ron  
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2013 1:14 PM  
To: Snow, Erin  
Cc: Watkins, Michelle; Barnes, Janice  
Subject: Labrador Flags

Erin, please purchase six Labrador flags, two for the Labrador West Office, two for Goose Bay Office and two for the St.John's Office.

The flags are needed in case we have requests for special events at different locations.

Thanks,
Ron
Melindy, Shawn D.

From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 5:09 PM
To: Bowles, Ron
Subject: RE: Labrador Flag

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Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 2:12 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey
Subject: FW: Labrador Flag

A trip down memory lane.

Ron

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From: Vickers, Judy
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 1:41 PM
To: Bowles, Ron
Subject: RE: Labrador Flag

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From: Bowles, Ron
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 1:09 PM
To: Vickers, Judy
Subject: RE: Labrador Flag

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Ron

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To: Bowles, Ron  
Subject: Labrador Flag

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Judy
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Briefing Note
Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs

Title: Labrador Flag

Issue: Request by Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs to fly Labrador flags outside Provincial Government offices in Labrador and to fly the Labrador flag at the Newfoundland and Labrador/Quebec border in conjunction with the new branding sign initiative.

Background:

- In 1974, Mr. Mike Martin, the Member for Labrador South designed the Labrador flag. Copies of the flags were presented to Labrador Community Councils, and to the Labrador members of the Newfoundland Assembly, in April, 1974, to commensurate the 25th Anniversary of Confederation.
- The flag is a symbolic declaration of the unique identity of the people of Labrador and their common heritage. The flag of Labrador is flown throughout Labrador by municipalities, businesses, local residents and is used by the local tourism industry as a strong brand to promote tourism in the region.
- On October 03, 2006, The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador launched a new branding initiative. As a result of this initiative, Transportation and Works are in the process of placing two new signs at the Newfoundland and Labrador/Quebec border. The Minister of Transportation and Works and Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs is requesting that the Labrador flag along with the Union Jack, Newfoundland and Labrador flag, and the Canadian flag be flown at the border in Labrador West and in the Labrador Straits.
- This is not the first time such a request has been made to the Province. On March 26, 1999 the MP for Labrador wrote the Premier requesting the Province to fly the Labrador flag outside of its government offices in Labrador. There have been other requests over the years and the Office of Protocol has consistently advised that a number of considerations must be taken into account before approval of flying the Labrador flag: (i) The image of the Labrador flag is the property of the Labrador Heritage Society; (ii) It has no official status in the Province; (iii) If it should be flown outside Provincial Government buildings in Labrador, on a permanent basis it might evoke a reaction in other parts of the province whereby “regional flags” could proliferate and requests for them to be flown outside Provincial Government buildings in these regions could be forthcoming; (iv) The purpose of flags is to promote identity and unity. The question to be considered is “whether flying the Labrador flag alongside the Provincial flag would do that”.
- The Union Jack continues to be flown at provincial buildings for three reasons. Firstly to show that we are members of the Commonwealth, secondly as a mark of respect to the Veterans of who fought under that flag as part of the British Armed Forces in the two World Wars and thirdly out of nostalgia because the Union Jack was the former Provincial flag of Newfoundland and Labrador.
• A comparable situation is in New Brunswick, with the Acadian flag, the legislative Assembly passed a resolution in 1984 allowing the Acadian flag to be flown at the Legislative Assembly Building, along with the Canadian and New Brunswick flags and the Union Jack. With respect to other government buildings, New Brunswick policy states that “where appropriate and where additional flag staffs are available only the Canadian Flag, the Union Jack, and the Acadian Flag may be flown”.

Assessment:

• There are inconsistencies in Labrador by provincial departments when it comes to flying the Labrador flag outside of provincial departments. The Interpretation Centre in North West River, under Tourism, Culture, and Recreation flies the Labrador flag as does the College of the North Atlantic in Central Labrador and Labrador West. The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador also flies the Labrador flag. Although not flown, the flag is displayed in the lobby of the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs and has been displayed in several press conferences by Ministers and the Premier while in Labrador.

Direction Required:

• The Minister for Transportation and Works and the Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs to consult with the Premier on the possibility of allowing the Labrador flag to be flown outside provincial government buildings in Labrador.
• The Minister for Transportation and Works and Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs consult with the Premier on the possibility of flying the Labrador flag at the Newfoundland and Labrador/Quebec border in conjunction with the new branding initiative.

Drafted by: R. Bowles, Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs in consultation with D. Dempster, Office of Protocol

Date: January 31, 2007
Any comments?

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Subject: RE: Labrador Flag 2014

Hi Aubrey

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Cheers

J

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From: Crummey, Jennifer L.
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To: Gover, Aubrey
Subject: Labrador Flag 2014

Aubrey

Any comments or feedback? Appreciated.

Many thanks

Cheers

Jennifer
Title: Status of the Labrador Flag

Decision / Direction Sought: [Blank]

Background and Current Status:

- In 1973, the Government of Newfoundland asked the citizens of the province to adopt special projects to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Confederation with Canada. Michael S. Martin, the Member of the House of Assembly for the district of Labrador South, and several others decided that their project to celebrate would be the creation of a flag for Labrador to give that part of the province an outward symbol of identity. The present ‘owner’ of the flag is the Labrador Heritage Society. It is recognized and understood that it is not an official flag within Newfoundland and Labrador.

- The provincial flag of Newfoundland and Labrador was officially adopted on June 6, 1980 via the Provincial Flag Act. The Act is administered by the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs. The two red triangles on the flag represent both parts of the province: the island portion and Labrador. Further, the official flag represents the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and does not distinguish a particular subset of the population.

- Labradorians comprise 5% of the province’s population (2011 Statistics Canada Census). Comparatively, 2011 Census survey respondents considering themselves as having an Aboriginal identity comprise 7% of the population.

- In April 1984 the legislature of New Brunswick passed a motion to fly the Acadian Flag at government buildings where deemed appropriate in recognition of the Acadian Flag’s 100th anniversary. French-speaking New Brunswickers (primarily Acadians), at that time, comprised 34% of the province’s population. The flag has since flown at the New Brunswick legislature (and other provincial buildings where sufficient flag poles exist to accommodate the national, provincial and Union flags which take precedence).

- It is important to note that: (i) the Acadian flag was never adopted as an official flag, emblem or symbol of the province of New Brunswick—it remains strictly a symbol of the Acadian community; and (ii) the issue remains a very politically divisive one within the province generally, especially with the Anglophone population.

Considerations:

- Representativeness of the people of Labrador
  - Since the creation of the Labrador Flag, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has entered into the Labrador Inuit Lands Claims Agreement and associated legislation and has signed the New Dawn Agreement with the Innu Nation.
  - The Nunatsiavut government has designated an official flag. It is likely that the Innu Nation will officially recognize its flag when self-government is achieved (as would likely also be the case should other Aboriginal communities attain self-government).
Thanks.

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Ron

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On 2014-02-19, at 11:18 AM, "Bowles, Ron" <rabowles@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Will confirm for you shortly

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From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 11:56 AM
To: Bowles, Ron
Subject: Re: Labrador Flag 2014

On announcements re the flag— Whose announcements? Govt NL announcements or other entity’s announcements generally?

The Labrador Flag is presently flown at the HVGB hospital? What other flags are on display? Is the CA and NL also on display?

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I cannot reach Margaret as she is somewhere between Mary’s Harbour and L’Anse au Clair.

Cheers

Kathy Michelin

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Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation  
Briefing Note

Title: Labrador Flag

Issue: Request from MP Todd Russell to fly the Labrador flag at the two highway gateways to Labrador.

Background:
- In August 2008, the department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (TCR) received correspondence from MP Todd Russell requesting that the Labrador Flag be flown at the two highway gateways to Labrador, in L’anse au Clair and Labrador West.
- The Labrador flag was designed in 1973 by Michael Martin. It quickly became popular and, in an effort to impose some sort of standard to the construction of the flag, a copyright was sought and eventually granted to the Labrador Heritage Society, of which Martin was a member. The Labrador flag has never been officially recognized by the provincial government.
- This is not the first time such a request has been made to the Province. There have been other requests over the years and the Protocol Office has consistently advised that in considering such requests, a number of considerations must be taken into account:
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Melindy, Shawn D.

From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 9:52 PM
To: Bowles, Ron
Subject: Re: Labrador Flag

Thanks.

Aubrey T. Gover, Q.C.
Assistant Deputy Minister
Aboriginal Affairs
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs

From: Bowles, Ron
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 07:46 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey
Subject: Fw: Labrador Flag

FYI

From: Michelin, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 2:04 PM
To: Bowles, Ron
Subject: Labrador Flag

All I could find on the Labrador Flag was a BN prepared by TCR on an enquiry sent from MP Russell (at the time) requesting that the flag be positioned at the entrance into Labrador on the TLH.

I cannot reach Margaret as she is somewhere between Mary’s Harbour and L’Anse au Clair.

Cheers

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Looks ok to me. I asked her to update for the CCL resolution.

Aubrey Gover
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From: Crummey, Jennifer L.
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 2:49 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey
Subject: Decision Note Labrador Flag 2014

Aubrey

Thanks for your information. I've updated the note and have crafted three options for consideration. Let me know what you think.

Cheers
J
Decision / Direction Sought: Status of the Labrador Flag

Background and Current Status:

- In 1973, the Government of Newfoundland asked the citizens of the province to adopt special projects to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Confederation with Canada. Michael S. Martin, the Member of the House of Assembly for the district of Labrador South, and several others decided that their project to celebrate would be the creation of a flag for Labrador to give that part of the province an outward symbol of identity. The present ‘owner’ of the flag is the Labrador Heritage Society. It is recognized and understood that it is not an official flag within Newfoundland and Labrador.

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- Labradorians comprise 5% of the province’s population (2011 Statistics Canada Census). Comparatively, 2011 Census survey respondents considering themselves as having an Aboriginal identity comprise 7% of the population.

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- In April 1984, the legislature of New Brunswick passed a motion to fly the Acadian Flag at government buildings where deemed appropriate in recognition of the Acadian Flag’s 100th anniversary. French-speaking New Brunswickers (primarily Acadians), at that time, comprised 34% of the province’s population. The flag has since flown at the New Brunswick legislature (and other provincial buildings where sufficient flag poles exist to accommodate the national, provincial and Union flags which take precedence).

- It is important to note that: (i) the Acadian flag was never adopted as an official flag, emblem or symbol of the province of New Brunswick – it remains strictly a symbol of the Acadian community; and (ii) the issue remains a very politically divisive one within the province generally, especially with the Anglophone population.

Section 20(1)(a)
Since the creation of the Labrador Flag, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has entered into the Labrador Inuit Lands Claims Agreement and associated legislation and has signed the New Dawn Agreement with the Innu Nation.

The Nunatsiavut government has designated an official flag. It is likely that the Innu Nation will officially recognize its flag when self-government is achieved (as would likely also be the case should other Aboriginal communities attain self-government).

Section 20(1)(a)

Prepared by: J. Crummey (in consultation with Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs)  
21 February 2014
From: Bowles, Ron  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 4:37 PM  
To: Cutler, Rachelle  
Subject: FW: Decision Note Labrador Flag 2014

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From: Tee, Dion  
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 11:15 AM  
To: Bowles, Ron  
Subject: Re: Decision Note Labrador Flag 2014

Will do - thanks

From: Bowles, Ron  
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 11:13 AM  
To: Tee, Dion  
Subject: FW: Decision Note Labrador Flag 2014

FYI, LAAO has not been advised of any decision, therefore status quo unless directed otherwise. Please keep confidential. The wording in the note may assist you in your drafting.

Cheers,

Ron
Dion,

Ron asked me to forward attached document to you.

Janet

Janet Keats
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Mr. Jim Farrell, President  
Combined Councils of Labrador  
P.O. Box 1035  
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Dear Mr. Farrell:

I write in response to your letter of September 8, 2008, in which you request to have the Labrador flag erected at the boarder crossing for the Labrador Straits and Labrador West.

Flags are symbols that identify people belonging to a group. The National Flag of Canada is a symbol of honour and pride for all Canadians. The Provincial Flag of Newfoundland and Labrador represents our earliest beginnings and points us confidently forward; a mirror of our past, present and future. The Union Jack represents our Commonwealth heritage.

The two triangles outlined in the Provincial Flag portray the mainland and island part of our Province reaching forward together. Our Government recognizes that Labrador plays a pivotal role in shaping the Province's future and understands that Labrador is a distinct part of the Province in its geography, demographics, history and culture. However, our goal is to work together and for this reason, the flag of Labrador cannot be erected at this location.

Sincerely,

Diane Whalen  
Diane Whalen, MHA  
Conception Bay East & Bell Island  
Minister  

/dmh

c. Hon. John Hickey  
Hon. Patty Pottle  
Mr. Jim Baker, MHA
I have this record as well.

Aubrey Gover
Deputy Minister
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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From: Bowles, Ron
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 4:00 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey
Subject: FW: CCL resolutions

Aubrey, please see latest from Kathy on CCL resolutions and proposed course of action to have a memo sent out from you to DM’s to assist in collecting responses to prepare for Executive meeting with CCL over the summer/fall.

Ron

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From: Michelin, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 2:17 PM
To: Bowles, Ron
Subject: CCL resolutions
Attached is the entire table of CCL resolutions since 2002. As you will see in the 2014 tab, a number of resolutions are from previous years. The CCL have forwarded these resolutions to departments requesting an update because that have either never received a response or the community would like an update.

I emailed Michelle and Janice advising that the table has been updated with the recent resolutions but that only one response was received. I also advised that, at your suggestion, Aubrey could send around a memo to his counterparts requested the responses needed for the remaining resolutions and that this process was also used in February prior to the AGM to gather information.

I have a draft memo that I will pass along to Michelle upon her return to the office tomorrow morning.

Kathy Michelin

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| 2014-01 | THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Combined Councils of Labrador call upon the provincial government to fly the Labrador Flag at all provincial government buildings and border entrance points. 

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that municipalities in Labrador sign proclamations on March 31 each year declaring the date Labrador Flag Day. | TW |
Melindy, Shawn D.

From: Barfoot, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 12:15 PM
To: McGrath, Nick
Cc: Meade, Brent; Gover, Aubrey; McGrath, Marietta; Hynes, Anita; Luther, Adrienne
Subject: Media Call: Northern Pen

Hello Minister,

The Northern Pen (Stephen Roberts) is hoping to speak with you on the decision not to flag the Labrador flag at border crossings.

Scott

Scott Barfoot
Director of Communications
Department of Transportation and Works
709-729-3015
FYI – Aubrey asked for our latest note on Labrador Flags. I have also e-mailed Jennifer Crummey from a protocol perspective.

Michelle

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Good day,

Please refer to attached briefing note from 2008 regarding similar issue.

Michelle
Title: Labrador Flag

Issue: Request from MP Todd Russell to fly the Labrador flag at the two highway gateways to Labrador.

Background:
- In August 2008, the department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (TCR) received correspondence from MP Todd Russell requesting that the Labrador Flag be flown at the two highway gateways to Labrador, in L'anse au Clair and Labrador West.

- The Labrador flag was designed in 1973 by Michael Martin. It quickly became popular and, in an effort to impose some sort of standard to the construction of the flag, a copyright was sought and eventually granted to the Labrador Heritage Society, of which Martin was a member. The Labrador flag has never been officially recognized by the provincial government.

- This is not the first time such a request has been made to the Province. There have been other requests over the years and the Protocol Office has consistently advised that in considering such requests, a number of considerations must be taken into account:
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Hi Aubrey,

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Cheers

Kathy Michelin

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From: Michelin, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 1:14 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey; Watkins, Michelle
Cc: Barnes, Janice; Keats, Janet
Subject: RE: Lb Flag
From: Gover, Aubrey  
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 12:49 PM  
To: Watkins, Michelle; Michelin, Kathy  
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Thanks. Minister is looking for this ASAP, since the media is calling him on this issue.

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Michelle

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Hi Kathy,

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Michelle

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From: Gover, Aubrey  
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 12:43 PM  
To: Watkins, Michelle  
Cc: Keats, Janet  
Subject: Lb Flag  
Importance: High

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Aubrey Gover  
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Ms. Margaret Rumbolt
Executive Director
Combined Councils of Labrador
P.O. Box 132
Mary's Harbour, NL
AOK 3PO

Dear Ms. Rumbolt:

I am writing in response to your letter of March 20, 2014 requesting comments on resolution 2014-01 and 2013-12 put forward at your Annual General Meeting.

In response to resolution 2013-12, I can assure you that Government recognizes the need for road improvements for Route 510 in Southern Labrador. More than $500 million has been invested to date on the Trans Labrador Highway. This year we are investing an additional $85.4 million to continue upgrading and paving of this highway. Although no funding can be dedicated at this time, upgrading paved sections of Route 510 will be given due consideration as part of next year's Provincial Roads Improvement Program. In the interim, I have directed my officials to do their utmost to maintain this highway in an acceptable condition.

In response to resolution 2014-01, our Government recognizes the important and pivotal role Labrador plays in shaping the Province's future and understands it is a distinct part of the Province in terms of geography, demographics, history and culture. However, our goal is to work together to embrace and promote all the distinct parts of our Province. Our NL Provincial Flag represents the entire Province including Labrador. Therefore, we do not plan on flying the flag of Labrador at our Provincial borders.

Sincerely,

NICK MCGRATH
Labrador West
Minister

CC: Mr. Dion Tee, P. Eng. – Regional Director (Labrador)
Kathy Michelin

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Great! That was what the Minister was looking for. Good work.

Aubrey Gover
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Cheers

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Watkins, Michelle

From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 4:23 PM
To: Watkins, Michelle
Subject: RE: TCR - Labrador Flag - Sept 08 08.doc

The minister has already stated the policy. We have one provincial flag. His letter to the CCL said as much.

Aubrey Gover
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Subject: FW: TCR - Labrador Flag - Sept 08 08.doc

Based on this info note, LAIO was supposed to have consulted other departments re. Labrador Flag. I am not aware of what was done with respect to this. Ron may have more insight.

Michelle

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From: Crummey, Jennifer L.
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Subject: RE: TCR - Labrador Flag - Sept 08 08.doc

As requested. I believe this is what you are seeking.

Cheers
J

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Jennifer, any chance I could get a copy of the more recent note Protocol prepared on this matter?

Aubrey Gover
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Good day,

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Michelle
Information Note
Executive Council

Title: The Labrador Flag

Issue: To provide an overview of the current status of the Labrador Flag.

Background and Current Status:
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- On Saturday February 22, 2014, the Combined Councils of Labrador passed a resolution seeking: (i) the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador fly the Labrador flag at all provincial government buildings province-wide and at each of the entrance/gateways to Labrador; and (ii) call on Labrador municipalities to declare/recognize March 31 as Labrador Flag Day.

Action Being Taken:
- The Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office provides and coordinates policy advice to the Minister Responsible for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs and the Executive Council concerning resolutions passed by the Combined Councils of Labrador during their meetings. The Office would review/consider the present resolution concerning the Labrador Flag, consult with the appropriate departments and officials in developing a government response, and advance options upon request.

Prepared by: J. Crummey
10 March 2014
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Ron

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Cannot recall, will look into and get back ASAP

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Thanks.

A few years ago Minister French raised this at a Combined Councils meeting. I think it was the one in LB West. Do you know anything about that?

Sent from my iPad

On 2014-02-19, at 10:45 AM, "Bowles, Ron" <rabowles@gov.nl.ca> wrote:
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