July 21, 2017

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, our file # TCII/12/2017

This is to confirm that on June 28, 2017 the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation received your request for access to the following record:

I am looking for the total cost associated with the annual Beaumont Hamel ceremony in France for July 2017. The cost of the grant to Historic Site of NL and the Royal Canadian Legion. How many students were supported and who provide the travel arrangement services. What was the average cost per person? How many representative from the the Ministers office participated in the event. How many people from other government departments also participated and what was the travel cost related to each individual? Also is it this government intentions to continue to support the education of our students with this annual event?

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation to provide access to the requested information.

In accordance with our conversation the answers to your request are listed below.

1. I am looking for the total cost associated with the annual Beaumont Hamel ceremony in France for July 2017.
   - $220,550

2. The cost of the grant to Historic Site of NL and the Royal Canadian Legion.
   - Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador - $80,905 (Includes the Coordinator's position (March-June, travels kits/uniform)
   - Royal Canadian Legion - $126,760 (Includes some administrative costs associated with regional travel and meals, uniforms and travel kits, etc).
   - Municipal Affairs - $75,000
   - TCII, Honour 100 - $51,760

3. How many students were supported?
   - 15 RCL youth
   - 19 Ambassador Award Program youth

4. Who provided the travel arrangement services?
   - WeGo Tour Experiences
5. What was the average cost per person?
   - Youth $3,695
   - Adults (rooming)
   - Adults single room - $4,295

6. How many representatives from the Ministers office participated in the event?
   - The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Environment and Municipal Affairs

7. How many people from other government departments also participated?
   - The Manager of Protocol (Past Honour 100 Lead)
   - The Manager of French Services who also is the official bugler, representing the Royal Newfoundland Regiment

8. What was the travel cost related to each individual?
   - Answered in Q. 5 – Adult single room $4,295 per adult.

9. Also, is it this government's intention to continue to support the education of our students with this annual event?
   - The Honour 100 Initiative is a 4-year commemoration program scheduled to end in the 2018/19 fiscal year.

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  
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St. John's, NL A1B 3V8  

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
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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.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 709-729-3356 or by email at wcomeau@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Wayne Comeau  
ATIPP Coordinator