September 08, 2017

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (OLA 001 2017)

On August 14, 2017 the Labrador Affairs Secretariat (the former Office of Labrador Affairs) received your request for access to the following records:

“All documents and correspondence including, but not limited to: briefing notes, text messages, emails (including attachments), handwritten notes, and any other record or document, electronic or otherwise, created between June 18, 2017 and August 14, 2017, referencing the protester blockade and/or closure of the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs office in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Labrador Affairs Secretariat to provide access to some of the requested information. Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

Section 29 (1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister;

Section 30 (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information:
(a) that is subject to solicitor and client privilege or litigation privilege of a public body; or
(b) that would disclose legal opinions provided to a public body by a law officer of the Crown.

Section 31 (1)(l) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal the arrangements for the security of property or a system, including a building, a vehicle, a computer system or a communications system.

Section 40 (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party’s personal privacy.

Please note the following full pages have been redacted and will not appear in the enclosed records:
As required by s(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed 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.

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 copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). 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
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 (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

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 709-896-1780 or by email at francasmith@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,

Francine Smith
ATIPP Coordinator
Enclosures
Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52(1) or 53(1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days
(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act, or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45(2).
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If you wish to obtain a copy please contact the ATIPP Office at (709) 729-7072 or atippoffice@gov.nl.ca.
Protestors at our office. May want avoid going to office until we advise.

Michelle

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
Not at this time. I was not there but saw the live stream. Ron approached requested access was told no.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Foote, Carla
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Oliver, Val; Bowles, Ron; Barnes, Janice; Watkins, Michelle
Cc: Barfoot, Scott; Joyce, Luke
Subject: RE: OLA doors blocked with protesters

Thanks Val, have staff been able to gain access to report to work this morning?

Carla

Carla J. Foote
Associate Secretary to Cabinet (Communications)
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Tel: 709-729-4781
Cell: 709-691-6673
www.gov.nl.ca

From: Oliver, Val
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Card, Jason; Cannizzaro, Michelle; Bowles, Ron; Barnes, Janice; Watkins, Michelle; Trimper, Perry
Cc: Barfoot, Scott; Joyce, Luke; Foote, Carla
Subject: OLA doors blocked with protesters

Photos from a little while ago.

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From: Osborne, Philip
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Chafe, Dan <DanChafe@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Bowles, Ron <rabowles@gov.nl.ca>; Jacobs, Heather <heatherj@gov.nl.ca>; Ralph, Peter <PeterRalph@gov.nl.ca>; Fowler, Robin <RobinFowler@gov.nl.ca>; Hawley, Kim <kimhawle@gov.nl.ca>; Pritchard, Rolf <rolfpritchard@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Hello,

We understand that there have been protests at the LAO today.

We will keep you advised.

Regards,

Philip Osborne
Manager of Civil Litigation
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Justice & Public Safety
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

(709) 729-0873, (709) 729-2129

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Hello,

My cell number is 687-9498.

Peter Ralph's cell numbers are 699-7603/9888. His email is above.

Regards,

Philip

Philip Osborne  
Manager of Civil Litigation  
Office of the Attorney General  
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FYI

-----Original Message-----
From: Card, Jason
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Cannizzaro, Michelle <MichelleCannizzaro@gov.nl.ca>; Bowles, Ron <rabowles@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Re: HVGB protest

I have just responded.

J

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Original Message
From: Cannizzaro, Michelle
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Bowles, Ron; Card, Jason
Subject: RE: HVGB protest

Good to go Jas!

-----Original Message-----
From: Bowles, Ron
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Card, Jason <JasonCard@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Cannizzaro, Michelle <MichelleCannizzaro@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: HVGB protest

Looks good Jason,

ron

-----Original Message-----
From: Card, Jason
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Bowles, Ron <rabowles@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Cannizzaro, Michelle <MichelleCannizzaro@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fw: HVGB protest

Draft response for review and approval:

Hi Katie,

The Provincial Government has a Business Continuity Plan in place to ensure employees can carry on their work in situations where staff are unable to access their offices, and so staff are continuing to fulfill their duties in alternate locations without interruption. Members of the public do not receive direct services out of this location, and so public service has not been affected.
The Provincial Government is reviewing this situation to determine next steps.

Best Regards,

Jason Card

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Original Message
From: Cannizzaro, Michelle <MichelleCannizzaro@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Card, Jason
Subject: Fw: HVGB protest

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Original Message
From: KATIE BREEN <kathryn.breen@cbc.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 1:42 PM
To: Cannizzaro, Michelle
Subject: HVGB protest

Hi!

There's a group blocking access to government offices in HVGB.

I'm wondering what's being done about it. Is the province getting an injunction?

Thanks!

Katie

Sent from my iPhone
Good evening,

It appears that the protest will continue at the office tomorrow. We ask that employees not go to the workplace unless notified. We will continue to provide updates.

Thank you,
Michelle

From: Watkins, Michelle
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:01 AM
To: Melindy, Shawn D. <smelindy@gov.nl.ca>; Smith, Franca <FrancaSmith@gov.nl.ca>; MacDonald, Karen <KarenMacDonald@gov.nl.ca>; Myrden, Chris G <ChrisGMyrden@gov.nl.ca>; Keats, Janet <janetkeats@gov.nl.ca>; Michelin, Kathy <KathyMichelin@gov.nl.ca>; Chaulk, Jeannine <JChaulk@gov.nl.ca>; Oliver, Val <valoliver@gov.nl.ca>; Learning, Bonnie <BonnieLearning@gov.nl.ca>; Berthiaume, Mario <MarioBerthiaume@gov.nl.ca>; Densmore, Lisa <lisadensmore@gov.nl.ca>; Antle, Howard <HSANTLE@gov.nl.ca>; Paine, Trevor <tpaine@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Bowles, Ron <rabowles@gov.nl.ca>; Barnes, Janice <janicebarnes@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Office

Good morning,

We have been denied access to the building today. We are working on gaining access to our workplace. We will advise accordingly.

Michelle

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
We approached asked to gain entrance. We were told, we would when they get a meeting with the Premier.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
From: Watkins, Michelle
To: Densmore, Lisa
Subject: Re: Protesters
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:22:20 AM

Yes

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Densmore, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:18 AM
To: Watkins, Michelle
Subject: Protesters

Good Morning,
Do you think we will be protested again this morning?
Lisa
Good idea... will follow up.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Thx Paul for the update – could be an opportunity to have them de-brief after this has passed and info on how to work GNL offices during such events can be shared with BCP Coordinators... Dave

Update 0845 June 21, 2017
I spoke with Michelle, their BCP has been activated, the Premiers Office and the Clerk are aware. The coordinating team will meet this morning to look at next steps, Michelle will call me after this meeting.

They continue to work business as usual. I will provide more info after their meeting.

Paul

Thank you Michelle, please keep us in the loop.

Paul

From: Watkins, Michelle
Good morning Paul,

As a result of protestors prohibiting access to the Office of Labrador Affairs workplace at 21 Broomfield St., Happy Valley-Goose Bay, OLA has activated its BCP.

Please call me at your earliest convenience to discuss at 899-1582.

Thank you,
Michelle
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Hi Debbie,

I will not be attending the session, unfortunately. Due to the protest situation I have to remain in Goose Bay.

Michelle

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From: Curtis, Debbie
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:22 AM
To: Watkins, Michelle
Subject: RE: Transformational Leadership session on June 27

Thanks. Hope all goes well.

From: Watkins, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:33 PM
To: Curtis, Debbie <debbiecurtis@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Transformational Leadership session on June 27

Hi Debbie,

I am hoping to be in St. John's. We have been locked out of our offices due to protests. I will let you know if anything changes.

Michelle

From: Curtis, Debbie
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Watkins, Michelle <michellewatkins@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Centre for Learning and Development - Human Resource Secretariat <cld@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Transformational Leadership session on June 27

Hi Michelle,

I noticed that you are registered to attend this session next week. Did you want to attend virtually or will you be in St John's?

Thanks,
Debbie

Debbie Curtis
Manager, Corporate Organizational Development
Centre for Learning and Development
Human Resource Secretariat
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
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Email: debbiecurtis@gov.nl.ca

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Good morning,

Michelle and I just drove by the office, there are 6 protestors out front. We did not attempt to access the building. We are having a staff meeting at 2pm today at the S. 31 (1)

We had a Business Continuity coordinating team meeting yesterday morning. Staff remain committed to their work. We are meeting with FES-NL at 1pm today to discuss ongoing implementation of BCP.

Kindest Regards,

Janice

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
Good morning,
Michelle and I drove by the office building at 8:20am, there were 8 protestors out front. We did not attempt to gain access.
Yesterday at 2pm we had a staff meeting to discuss ongoing operations and get an understanding of how staff are doing. Meeting was positive on both accounts.
OLA officials also met with FES-NL to discuss the status of BCP. There will continue to be ongoing dialogue with FES-NL regarding same.

OLA continues to manage it's files productively.

I will be heading home today returning to Goose Bay on Monday evening.

Kindest Regards,
Janice

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Good morning,

Michelle and I drove by the office at 8:40am, there were 10 people out front. We did not attempt to gain access. The coordinating team of the BCP are meeting today at 3pm. We will be having a staff meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Staff continue to professionally manage files.

Kindest regards,

Janice

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
OK—we are working remotely due to protests. Franca will review ASAP.

From: Mazerolle, Wanda
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Watkins, Michelle <michellewatkins@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: call me

Hi Michelle,

Can you please contact me? I don’t seem to have your feedback on this one and I haven’t been able to reach you at the office. Trying to get all my comments out to the entities today.

Wanda
Wanda Mazerolle, Senior Policy and Program Development Specialist
Planning and Coordination
Office of the Executive Council
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

t. 709.729.3794; e. wandamazerolle@gov.nl.ca

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Good morning,

Michelle and I drove by the office at 8:40am. There were 8 protestors out front. We did not attempt to gain access. Protestors vacated the premises at approximately 2pm yesterday. We are having a staff meeting at 9:30am this morning. We continue to implement the BCP.

Kindest regards,

Janice

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
Good morning,
We just drove by the office and there were 4 protestors out front. We did not attempt to gain access.
I am heading home today, had a series of meetings planned some time ago.
I will call you this afternoon.

Kindest Regards,
Janice

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
Thanks Val

From: Oliver, Val
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Barnes, Janice <janicebarnes@gov.nl.ca>; Watkins, Michelle <michellewatkins@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Lip

Face booking live this morning.
About 8-10 people having a cook-out. I didn't stay on because there were only 14 people viewing and I preferred not to be pointed out. Lol.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
Good morning Janice,

I did a drive by the office building this morning and the LLP continue to assemble. There were 5 people there. According to yesterday’s Facebook post they plan to continue to assemble at our office until they receive a response to their demands from Government.

Michelle:

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
Hi Jason,

The statement looks good from my perspective.

Michelle

From: Card, Jason
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Watkins, Michelle <michellewatkins@gov.nl.ca>; Barnes, Janice <janicebarnes@gov.nl.ca>; Hearn, Patricia A. (Deputy Minister) <PatriciaAHearn@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Cannizzaro, Michelle <MichelleCannizzaro@gov.nl.ca>; Oliver, Val <valoliver@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Response to Media Request

Hi Michelle, Janice, and Patricia,

Please advise at your earliest convenience if you have any concerns with the proposed media response below. Please note this is consistent with prior responses provide to media.

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Hi Bailey,

The following statement is being provided on behalf of the Provincial Government in response to your request for information:

With respect to the operations of the office in question, the Provincial Government has a Business Continuity Plan in place to ensure employees can carry on their work in situations where staff are unable to access their offices. Staff are continuing to fulfill their duties in alternate locations without interruption. No additional costs have been experienced by the Office of Labrador Affairs.

Best Regards,

Jason Card
Senior Communications Advisor
Premier's Office
Executive Council
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
From: Oliver, Val
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Cannizzaro, Michelle <MichelleCannizzaro@gov.nl.ca>; Card, Jason <JasonCard@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Joyce, Luke <LukeJoyce@gov.nl.ca>; Barfoot, Scott <ScottBarfoot@gov.nl.ca>; Foote, Carla <CarlaFoote@gov.nl.ca>; Watkins, Michelle <michellewatkins@gov.nl.ca>; Barnes, Janice <janicebarnes@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fw: Continuing protest

FYI. I have not replied.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network:

From: Bailey White <bailey.white@cbc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Oliver, Val
Subject: Continuing protest

Hi Val,
Wanted to check in with you about the ongoing protest down at your office.
We have not reported about it in a while, but I wanted to know what effect it's having on operations.
Are staff still out of the office? Are they working from home? Are there any costs associated with having people work from elsewhere?
Thanks in advance,
Bailey

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Bailey White
Host, Labrador Morning
CBC Newfoundland & Labrador
Office: (709) 896-2911
Cell: (1) 40
Twitter: @baileywhite
Please see below.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Original Message
From: Valance Oliver
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 10:58 PM
To: Barnes, Janice
Subject: A post on Facebook

By
Many of the comments from people were in support of her post.

I was raised to be a respectful person and brought up to fight for what I believe in too.

We have been working with representatives from the Town, Service NL, MHA Perry Trimper and others to try and sort our situation out about getting our permits for our Company.

I have no issue whatsoever with any person (namely the LLP's ) as they oppose Muskrat Falls. That is their right. Many of these people are my friends as well. I spent another day on the phone trying to work with people at these Departments and this is another day passing that nothing got accomplished.

I respectfully ask the LLP to not prevent people like me and others from accessing services to these departments. I know you would let me go in there but I just don't want to be involved in any confrontations. On the phone is one thing, but face to face getting help is completely different. Just like people have the right to oppose a issue I have the right to access services. I do not feel comfortable going to a public building and having a feeling that I am doing wrong by going in there.

To hear and see comments on a video today that attack innocent employees like Mr. Ken Russell (who is working hard to help me) is very hard to watch. What would be said to me if I went there? I know you are frustrated but really what is this proving? Working together and seeing progress comes from respectful and meaningful conversation. Please, let's all work together as a community to support each other. I hope you all understand my frustrations and that I mean no disrespect to anyone.

Sent from my iPhone

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Pretty good. We drove by the office this morning—same 6 protestors out front. We did not attempt to gain access. The protestors went to the Service NL building yesterday as referenced in FB post I sent earlier. I will send you the video of that exchange when I land in Wabush. I'm on my way home today—Ron is back this evening.

We had a staff meeting yesterday—went well. The staff remain committed to their work and are doing a great job!

Kindest Regards,
Janice

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Original Message
From: Quinlan, Krista
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Barnes, Janice; Hearn, Patricia A. (Deputy Minister)
Subject: RE: A post on Facebook

Thanks Janice. How's everyone doing?

-----Original Message-----
From: Barnes, Janice
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Hearn, Patricia A. (Deputy Minister) <PatriciaAHearn@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Quinlan, Krista <KristaQuinlan@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fw: A post on Facebook

Please see below.

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Original Message
From: Valance Oliver <S. 40 (1)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 10:58 PM
To: Barnes, Janice
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By <S. 40 (1)>

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Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone
We will see what tomorrow brings.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Edmunds, Randy
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Watkins, Michelle
Subject: Re: No Gas

I figured that... i called and there was no answer... are they there all day?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Watkins, Michelle
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Edmunds, Randy
Subject: Re: No Gas

We aren't at work... wouldn't let us in.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Edmunds, Randy
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Watkins, Michelle
Subject: Re: No Gas

How was the protest thingy this morning?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Watkins, Michelle
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 11:05 AM
To: Edmunds, Randy
Subject: Re: No Gas

Thanks. We will be in touch.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Edmunds, Randy
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Watkins, Michelle
Subject: Fw: No Gas
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Edmunds, Randy <RandyEdmunds@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Premier,
Cc: Gover, Aubrey; Hearn, Patricia; Bowles, Ron
Subject: Fw: No Gas

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Edmunds, Randy
Subject: No Gas

Randy,

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Yes

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Watkins, Michelle
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Bowles, Ron
Subject: Re: Transformer Update

Are we still out of the office on Monday?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Bowles, Ron
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 4:34 PM
To: Oliver, Val; Watkins, Michelle
Cc: Barnes, Janice
Subject: Fw: Transformer Update

FYI

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Stanley, Todd <toddstanley@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Bowles, Ron; Bown, Charles; Coady, Siobhan; Day, Elizabeth; Fowler, Robin; Gover, Aubrey; Hawley, Kim; Hearn, Patricia A. (Deputy Minister); McIntosh, Gordon; Mercer, Greg; Miles, Peter; Osborne, Philip; Parsons, Andrew; Quinlan, Krista; Ralph, Peter; Samms, John; Stoodley, Amy; Trimper, Perry
Cc: Walsh, Paula (Justice)
Subject: Transformer Update

The convoy (including the 2 transformers) are in through the Muskrat Falls site gate without incident. Approximately 15 protesters on the protest pad at the time.
Hah. No sweat. finishes his bike across Canada today for the Children's Wish Foundation.

From: Watkins, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Oliver, Val <valoliver@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: info

That's the word! Undertaking — my brain is toast

From: Oliver, Val
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Watkins, Michelle <michellewatkins@gov.nl.ca>
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What did they refuse to sign?

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Below my blurb is a report posted by Evan Careen.

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Three members of the Labrador Land Protectors were jailed on Friday (July 21) for refusing to sign an injunction to not interfere with the Muskrat Falls worksite.

James Learning, Marjorie Flowers and Eldred Davis were all taken into custody in Happy Valley-Goose Bay provincial court after Justice George Murphy ordered them detained.

Murphy told the court that the matter had gone on long enough and told the sheriffs to arrest anyone reportedly violating his injunction.

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What was the grounds for incarceration? I just need to proper lingo – thanks!
Information Note
Office of Labrador Affairs

Title: Office of Labrador Affairs’ 21 Broomfield St., Happy Valley-Goose Bay Location

Issue: To provide an update on activities at 21 Broomfield St. This note was requested by Cabinet Secretariat.

Background and Current Status:
- On June 19, 2017 approximately eight Labrador Land Protectors (LLP) members protested at 21 Broomfield St. Led by the ADM, Office of Labrador Affairs, efforts were made twice to enter the building and were denied by the LLP.
  - The spokesperson for the LLP, Denise Cole, requested that the ADM bring back the following demands to Premier Ball:
    o Government order Nalcor to immediately release water from the Muskrat Falls hydro reservoir; and
    o Government order the independent review of the North Spur stability.
- On June 20, 2017 OLA officials attempted to enter the building for the third time and all building occupants were denied access by the LLP.
- OLA communicated with the local RCMP on both days that efforts were made to access the workplace. On June 19, 2017 the RCMP approached the protesters and advised that charges of mischief could be laid if they continued to deny access to the building.
- There are other Government employee building occupants that cannot get access: CSSD, FESNL, OCIO, Communications and Public Engagement, and MHA Trimper’s Constituency Office. The Constituency Office is having challenges in serving the constituent needs in the absence of a public workspace.
- On July 5, 2017 LLP members entered the local Service NL building which is located near 21 Broomfield St. MHA Trimper and his CA were there earlier and their vehicles were sighted by the LLP.
- The LLP continues to gather for meetings, and hold marches and demonstrations in the area. Social media, including live streaming, is used regularly to promote their efforts and interactions with Government.
- In response to media enquiries regarding the LLP’s protest at 21 Broomfield St. the following message has been provided:
With respect to the operations of the office in question, the Provincial Government has a Business Continuity Plan in place to ensure employees can carry on their work in situations where staff are unable to access their offices. Staff are continuing to fulfill their duties in alternate locations without interruption. No additional costs have been experienced by the Office of Labrador Affairs.

- The LLP continued to protest at the building until July 11, 2017 when Denise Cole, on behalf of the LLP, emailed Premier Ball expressing dissatisfaction with Government's continued ignorance to their demands and indicated that they will no longer be assembling at 21 Broomfield St. but will continue to take further action. This message was also posted on Facebook. Refer to Annex A for the detailed statement.

- There have been previous protests at the building; specifically on October 2016 Government employees were denied access to their workplace at 21 Broomfield St. in Happy Valley-Goose Bay by those opposed to the Muskrat Falls Project. At that time employees were out of the office for 10 days. Also in January 2017 the LLP protested Government and denied access to the building until an injunction was issued. The injunction was later revoked resultant of LLP’s verbal agreement with Government to not deny employee access to the building. In return, Government met with the LLP and reinstated that LLP may respectfully protest at 21 Broomfield St. however employee access to the building would not be prohibited.

Analysis:

- the latest are as follows:
  - lower the water in the Muskrat Falls reservoir and get the Independent Expert Advisory Committee on methyl mercury to work now;
  - respond formally to the request from May 9, 2017 to conduct an Independent Review of the North Spur stability now; and
  - agree to conduct a forensic audit and public inquiry of Nalcor now.

- The first two transformers for the Muskrat Falls Project were transported to site on July 29, 2017 without incident. Of the remaining five transformers left to be delivered, two are ready for transport from Cartwright while three others are being prepared for shipment to Cartwright.

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Action Being Taken:
- OLA officials continue to monitor the situation and provide updates.
- Statements have been prepared and shared with the media on the situation.

Prepared/Reviewed by: M. Watkins / J. Barnes and R. Bowles
Ministerial Approval: Patricia Hearn, Deputy Minister

August 1, 2017
STATEMENT TO PREMIER DWIGHT BALL, LABRADOR AFFAIRS, and LABRADOR MHAs from LABRADOR LAND PROTECTORS:

We, the Labrador Land Protectors, have spent three weeks outside the Labrador Affairs building in Happy Valley-Goose Bay asking for communication with our Minister of Labrador Affairs, Premier Dwight Ball.

We never once believed that the staff, Minister, and our own Lake Melville MHA Perry Trimper would so blatantly ignore their own constituents as they have for the past three weeks. The truth of the matter is that these paid and elected representatives are afraid to talk about the realities of the Muskrat Falls hydro project. In essence, they are afraid to do their jobs. And so they have all been in hiding while peaceful protectors sat out in the open and daily requested a response from them.

We do not believe our demands were unreasonable. We were honouring our commitment to maintain communication with the staff and elected representatives of not only Labrador Affairs but also all four Labrador MHAs. It is amazing to realize that none of them honoured their commitments to us for not just the past three weeks but since the agreement was made in February 2017 around a cultural sharing circle.

We have been patient. We have been peaceful. We have been acting with respect and humility. These are values that none of these elected representatives hold or understand. At the beginning of our vigil we were clear that this was the first step in taking action to have our voices heard.

Our demands remain the same:

1. Honour the methyl mercury agreement and establish the Independent Expert Advisory Committee NOW.

2. Order the Independent Review of the North Spur stability NOW.

3. Mandate a forensic audit of Nalcor and public inquiry of the Muskrat Falls project NOW.

We will no longer hold vigil waiting for your answers. We will, as promised, move to take further action to hold you accountable for the destructive mistake that is the Muskrat Falls hydro project. You had your opportunity to work with us as is required of you by the mandate of your office and position. The time is fast approaching that the NL Government will be held accountable by the people of this province once and for all.

The Labrador Land Protectors