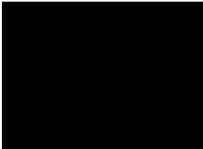


February 21, 2018



Dear :

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-10-2018)

On February 1, 2018, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

The department of natural resources with CNA offered a prospector training course in 2017. Was this the first year the course was offered? How many people enrolled? How many people completed? What was the cost to the department for this course? Will the course be offered in 2018 and if so when? Are course materials from 2017 available for the public?

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to the requested information. The answers to your questions can be found below:

Q: The department of natural resources with CNA offered a prospector training course in 2017. Was this the first year the course was offered?

A: This course is offered annually but is dependent on sufficient enrollment.

Q: How many people enrolled? How many people completed?

A: 14 students enrolled and completed the course.

Q: What was the cost to the department for this course?

A: Costs to the department for the course are related to purchasing of supplies, advertising, bus rental and travel costs. For 2017, this amounts to approximately \$21,000, exclusive of salary costs.

Q: Will the course be offered in 2018 and if so when?

A: Pending budget approval each year and if there is sufficient enrollment, it is expected that the course will be continue to be offered annually going forward.

Q: Are course materials from 2017 available for the public?

A: Course materials are available only to enrolled students who have paid their registration fees.

As set out in section 42 of the Act you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the department's decision to provide access to the requested information. 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 request should identify your concerns with the department's response and why you are requesting a review.

The request for review 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

Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after receiving the department's decision.

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.

For further details about how an access to information request is processed, please refer to the Access to Information Policy and Procedures Manual at <http://www.atipp.gov.nl.ca/info/index.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by at 709-729-3214 or danafeltham@gov.nl.ca, or Rodney Hynes at 709-729-0463 or rhynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Feltham". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Dana Feltham
ATIPP Coordinator