May 15, 2018

Dear

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: SNL-042-2018]

On May 2, 2018, Service NL received your request for access to the following records/information:

“Somewhere between September 27-30, 2016 the Department of Occupational Health & Safety OH&S, Mr. Glen Coates, was called in regarding an incident that happened in Harbour Main. The Town of Harbour Main had dug up and exposed an Asbestos Pipe very close to the protected public water supply. I am requesting all the documents, notes, reports, findings, etc...related to this incident on September 27-30, 2016.”

I hereby inform you that a decision has been made by Service NL to provide access to the requested information. In accordance with your request, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

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. 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 709-729-7437 or by email at ellenhaskell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

ELLEN HASKELL
ATIPP Coordinator
GOVERNMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
Service NL
Occupational Health and Safety Inspections Branch

INSPECTION / OFFICER'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL OF HARBOUR MAIN
P O BOX 40
HARBOUR MAIN
NL

AOA-2P0

Worker Rep/Designate: Terry Corbett

REPORT:

Arrived onsite to conduct an inspection regarding a call received by this Officer from a concerned resident that informed this Department that Town workers removed a length of asbestos drain pipe and didn’t follow any procedures during the process. I spoke with Mr. Terry Corbett (Supervisor) who informed me that they uncovered the pipe placed it within the truck and transported it to the Depot yard where they contacted Bellor to come and take the pipe and dispose of it. Bellor has been retained to clean up any debris that may be present in the fill that has been placed in the area where the pipe was located. At the completion of the inspection and the conversation with Mr. Corbett it was determined that this matter was handled safely and that all measures were taken to resolve the issues at the site.

During the meeting at the Town Hall I did observe some suspect materials and due to the age of the building it will be required for the building and all buildings that are the property of the Town of Harbour Main that are older than 1985 to be assessed for asbestos and hazardous containing materials.

See attached orders for compliance:

A copy of this inspection/order report must be provided at the earliest possible opportunity to your OHS Committee, Worker Representative or Workplace Designate.
ORDER FORM

TOWN COUNCIL OF HARBOUR MAIN
P O BOX 40
HARBOUR MAIN
NL

Firm #: 716
WCC #: 420888
Tel: 709-229-6822
Fax: 709-229-6234

ORDER: 0921136-01
REGULATION: Asbestos Abatement Regulations
10 1- Workplace assessment

Every owner or contractor to whom these regulations apply shall have an
assessment to be made in writing of the exposure or likelihood of exposure of an
employee to the inhalation of asbestos fibres.

TO WIT:

The employer shall ensure that a comprehensive asbestos assessment is completed. This
assessment shall include descriptions of ACM, quantities, locations, condition, and friability. Upon
completion this assessment shall be submitted to this Officer for review.

This Order shall be carried out on or before: OCT 31, 2016

ORDER: 0921136-02
REGULATION: Part VI - Occupational Health Requirements
42 1- Hazardous substances

An employer shall monitor the use or presence of substances at the workplace
that may be hazardous to the health and safety of workers.

TO WIT:

The employer shall ensure that the site is properly assessed for hazardous materials by a qualified
person who shall evaluate the risk of worker exposure to these hazardous materials. This written
assessment shall be submitted to this Officer for review and may be written under the same cover as
the asbestos workplace assessment.

A copy of this inspection/order report must be provided at the earliest possible opportunity
to your OHS Committee, Worker Representative or Workplace Designate.
YOU ARE TO NOTIFY THE INSPECTOR IN WRITING UPON COMPLIANCE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE ORDER(S) IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 67 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, RSNL 1990, CHAPTER 0-3 AS AMENDED.

AN ORDER MADE BY AN OFFICER MAY BE APPEALED, IN WRITING, TO THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE ORDER.

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