

October 30, 2108

**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: SNL-084-2018]**

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This is to confirm that on October 29, 2018 Service NL received your request for access to the following records/information:

*"I am requesting information pertaining to the permit limitations of the Mining activity in the Victoria Lake area by a company called Marathon Gold. There is a significant amount of a land disturbance in this area by this company in their mining exploration activities. In looking through all documents I have procured to date - This company is occupying this Crown Land - under a Crown Lands Permit. This company has posted signage for an area stretching for approx. 20 kilometres (to date - they seem to be expanding that area year over year), saying "No Trespassing" No Hunting" etc... This encroaches on the rights of Newfoundlander's to access this land for the purpose of Hunting, Fishing etc... They have blocked off the access road to the only Boat Launch onto Victoria Lake in the area by putting a large Steel Gate across a road that existed in there for fifty years before their arrival in the area. This gate also had signage stating No trespassing / No Hunting. Giv en this is Crown Land - Was this company given specific rights to block access to this Crown Land and what are the parameters of any specific rights granted to Marathon Gold to allow them to block access with Gates etc...?"*

Please be advised that the Service NL has reviewed this request and has no records responsive to your request..

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 this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it 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 letter 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 e-mail at [kimberlyryan@gov.nl.ca](mailto:kimberlyryan@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Ryan".

**KIMBERLY RYAN**  
ATIPP Coordinator  
Service NL