October 2, 2015

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: AES/033/2015]

On September 21, 2015 the Department of Advanced Education and Skills received your request for access to the following records/information:

What was the procedure used in the fall of 2014 to select new members to the Apprenticeship Board. Were they appointed? If so, who appointed them? Were MHA’s informed this was happening? Was the public notified?

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted.

Under Section 5 of the Apprenticeship and Certification Act, attached, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a board known as the Provincial Apprenticeship and Certification Board. An internal process was conducted during which members of the Government Caucus were solicited for nominations. While no press release was issued regarding these appointments, the Order in Council (OC2014-165) dated June 27, 2014 was proactively disclosed under the Open Government Initiative and is available at the following link: http://www.exe-oic.gov.nl.ca/public/oic/details?order-id=1482.

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 Office of Public Engagement's 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 the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

SHARON SEAWARD
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment
Apprenticeship and Certification Act

(http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/statutes/a12-1.htm)

Board to be appointed

5. (1) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a board known as the Provincial Apprenticeship and Certification Board which shall be composed of

(a) a chairperson and, in equal representation,

(i) 2 or more persons representative of employers,

(ii) 2 or more persons representative of employees, and

(iii) 2 or more persons not included in the groups named in subparagraphs (i) and (ii); and

(b) the director or his or her designate.

(2) Appointments under subsection (1) shall be for a 3 year term so that only one person from a representative group shall retire in each year and a person shall not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

(3) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint one person alternate representative for each class appointed under subparagraphs (1)(a)(i) to (iii), and

(a) appointments shall be for a 3 year period;

(b) persons appointed as alternates shall only attend meetings in the absence of regular board members; and

(c) alternates attending meetings shall have full voting privileges.

(4) In the absence of the chairperson of the board from a meeting of the board, the members of the board who are present may appoint one of themselves to be an acting chairperson of the meeting.