

March 22, 2019

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Dear 

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: MAE/055/2019]

On March 11, 2018, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Please provide estimated budget for the new Climate Change Action Plan for the year ended march 31, 2020. Please provide estimated cost associated with Consultations on Banning Single Use Plastic Bags."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister to provide access to the requested information.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed. To clarify the records provided in this request, please see the below list.

- *"Please provide estimated budget for the new Climate Change Action Plan for the year ended march 31, 2020"* – Please see attached responsive record.
- *"Please provide estimated cost associated with Consultations on Banning Single Use Plastic Bags."* - There are no costs associated with the current consultation on banning single use plastic bags.

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 709-729-7183 or by e-mail at ryancollins@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



RYAN COLLINS
ATIPP Coordinator
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Enclosures

“Please provide estimated budget for the new Climate Change Action Plan for the year ended March 31, 2020.”

In January 2019, the Provincial Government and Federal Government announced a joint funding agreement to provide up to \$89.4 million on climate change initiatives over four years. Five programs have been announced to date, as follows:

1. Climate Change Challenge Fund, to which a total of \$20.3M has been committed, comprising \$10.3M from the Provincial Government and \$10M from the Federal Government
2. Freight Transportation Fuel Efficiency Program, to which a total of \$3.2M has been committed, comprising \$1.73M from the Provincial Government and \$1.47M from the Federal Government
3. Energy Efficiency in Oil Heated Homes Program, to which a total of \$2.05M has been committed, comprising \$1.54M from the Provincial Government and \$0.51M from the Federal Government
4. Expansion of the Home Energy Savings Program, to which a total of \$8.57M has been committed, comprising \$6.43M from the Provincial Government and \$2.14M from the Federal Government
5. Energy Efficiency and Fuel Switching in Public Buildings, to which a total of \$25.96M has been committed, comprising \$12.98M from the Provincial Government and \$12.98M from the Federal Government

Further details on these programs can be found at

https://www.exec.gov.nl.ca/exec/occ/low_carbon_economy_fund.html . The precise budget allocations for 2019-2020 for these initiatives and other programs such as the Energy Efficiency Loan Program and Home Energy Savings Program will only be available once Budget 2020 is finalized.