Tabled by the Minister of Jobs, Immigration and Growth
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Newfoundland Labrador

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure
Strategic and Support Services Division
Response to Applicant – Partial Access Granted

COR/2021/04134-002

September 20, 2021

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* *(Our File #: TI/112/2021)*

On July 29, 2021, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure received your request for access to the following records:

> *Copies of all emails, memos, text messages, letters, briefing notes, etc., regarding the PET scanner and laundry services for the new acute care hospital in Corner Brook between the Minister of Transportation and Works and officials, the Minister of Health and Community Services and officials, Minister Gerry Byrne, former Minister Eddie Joyce, former Premier Dwight Ball and Western Health from January 1st, 2017 up to and including July 6th, 2018.*

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for Transportation and Infrastructure to provide to provide access to some of the requested information. Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (the *Act*):

> *Policy advice or recommendations, s.29(1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister;*
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> *Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body, s.35(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose (c) plans that relate to the management of personnel of or the administration of a public body and that have not yet been implemented or made public; (g) information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the financial or economic interest of the government of the province or a public body;*

As required by 8(2) of the *Act*, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as

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set out in section 42 of the *Act* (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). 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 appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal 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

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* (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

Please be advised that this request will be published three business days after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. The goal is 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 contact me by telephone at 709-729-5351 or by email at ATIPP-TI@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Angela McIntyre
ATIPP Coordinator