

March 14, 2018

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Request for Access to Information Under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection Privacy Act

On March 5, 2018, the City of St. John's received your request for access to the following information:

"A full accounting of all donations and contributions totaling \$36,319.52 for Sheilagh O'Leary's 2017 election campaign; in the disclosure filled with the City of St. John's dated December 21, 2017, there is only \$14,400.00 accounted for in the declaration filed."

The City of St. John's is governed by the [Municipal Elections Act](#) and the City's [Election Finance By-law](#) (as quoted below) and as such, candidates are not required to declare the details of contributions from individuals that do not exceed \$250.00. The discrepancy cited above in the amounts reported on the *Oath or Affirmation of Campaign Contributions (Money, Goods or Services) and Expenses Disclosure form* is a reflection of the difference between the amounts required to be reported versus those that are not.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT

Campaign contributions

67.1 (3) *A contribution to a candidate that is made by a person in a calendar year in an amount that does not exceed the amount prescribed in a regulation under subsection 67(1) or, where there is no regulation, \$100, is not a contribution for the purpose of this section.*

ELECTION FINANCE BY-LAW

Contributions

(4) *A contribution to a candidate that is made by a person in a calendar year, the total value of which does not exceed \$250.00 is not a contribution for the purposes of this section.*

Reporting

5. (a) *All candidates in an election, including those not elected, shall, not more than 90 days after the election, file with the returning officer a statement in the required form and made under oath or affirmation stating:*

- i. the total amount of the contributions received by him or her;*
- ii. each contribution from a corporation and the contributors of those amounts; and*
- iii. each contribution from an individual that exceeds \$250.00 and the contributors of those amounts. (Amended 07/14/2015; #1578)*

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We now consider this matter completed and will be closing the file. 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:

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; 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.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 576-8619 or by e-mail: kchafe@stjohns.ca

Yours truly,



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