

December 20, 2019

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Request for Access to Information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection Privacy Act (the ATIPP Act, 2015)

On December 15, 2019, the City of St. John's received your request for access to the following information:

"The City of St. John's plans to pay a new climate change coordinator about \$125,000 a year but expects the position to pay for itself — and more. The position was announced Monday in the 2019 budget."

1. *Provide list of savings since hiring.*
2. *Does the climate change coordinator monitor the snow clearing fleet? (Which sometimes goes out on warm days like on Dec 15, 2019 when temperature was predicted to reach 14 degrees).*
3. *Regarding the City snowing clearing fleet:*
 - a. *How many pieces in fleet?*
 - b. *What is the capital cost of the fleet?*
 - c. *How many pieces were in service on Dec 15, 2019?*

Enclosed is the information you requested. 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 ATIPP 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.

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 576-8429 or by e-mail at kcutler@stjohns.ca.

Yours truly,



Kenessa Cutler
ATIPP Coordinator

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- 1) For the Sustainability Coordinator's position, savings are expected to materialize in various forms over time, including: streamlined access to funding for the City, accelerated return on investments through uptake of new technologies and procedures, energy efficiency projects, and avoidance of costs and risks through long-term planning. Since hiring the coordinator this position has;
 - a. Provided technical expertise with regards to Climate Change and Sustainability across various departments (including the mandatory provincial and federal requirement of Climate Lens assessment for infrastructure funding),
 - b. Increased the City's participation in the Federation of Canadian Municipality's programs including the Green Municipal Fund and the Partners for Climate Protection. These programs increase capacity and make funding available to the City of St. John's. These programs require that the City has a Sustainability Plan in order to access most funding streams, this is the most immediate step.
 - c. Completed an inventory of energy use and greenhouse gas emissions for the City and the Community to inform the Sustainability Plan. This will inform corporate and community energy savings and greenhouse gas mitigation discussion in 2020 to ensure that actions that are taken are well informed.
 - d. Developed a framework for Sustainability Planning (presented to Council), which will enable the City to make a Sustainability Plan to better access funding in the upcoming years.
- 2) The sustainability coordinator works with the various department and system managers across the City to complete his scope. However, it is the system managers who lead the day to day operations and monitoring of the systems.
- 3) There are 137 pieces in the snow clearing fleet with a total replacement cost of over \$37.5 million. On Dec 15th, 2019 there were 42 pieces of equipment in service.