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Re: Application for Access under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) – Our File Number 61-16FIN.

On October 4, 2016, Manitoba Finance received your request for access to the following records:

“Please provide the terms of reference for David McLaughlin’s work to develop a made-in-Manitoba carbon pricing model.”

On the same date, you clarified with our FIPPA Coordinator that you are looking for any documentation that would detail the scope of Mr. McLaughlin’s work in developing a made-in-Manitoba carbon pricing model.

On November 3, 2016, you were advised that the 30 day time period for responding to your request has been extended until December 2, 2016, in accordance with section 15(1)(c) of FIPPA.

Please be advised that your request for access has been granted in part. Enclosed is a copy of the terms of reference for Mr. McLaughlin’s role as Climate Change Advisor for the Government of Manitoba. Information in the whole of page 2 and sections of page 1 of the record is being protected in accordance with sections 23 and 28 of FIPPA.

Subsection 23(1)(a) of FIPPA was used to protect information that contains advice and opinion provided to a public body. Information on proposed plans, policies or projects that could reasonably be expected to reveal pending policy or budgetary decisions of the government was also protected under subsection 23(1)(f) of FIPPA.

Lastly, information that if disclosed would lead to the premature disclosure of a pending policy decision, including a contemplated change in taxes or other source of revenue, was protected under subsection 28(1)(e)(i) of FIPPA.

Section 59(1) of FIPPA states that you may make a complaint about this decision respecting your application for access to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 – 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
(204) 982-9130 or 1-800-665-0531

**Relevant provisions of
*The Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)***

Advice to a public body

23(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal

- (a) advice, opinions, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for the public body or a minister;
- (f) information, including the proposed plans, policies or projects of a public body, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision.

Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

28(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the economic or financial interests or negotiating position of a public body or the Government of Manitoba, including the following information:

- (e) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in an undue loss or benefit to a person, or premature disclosure of a pending policy decision, including but not limited to,
 - (i) a contemplated change in taxes or other source of revenue,