



City Clerk's Department • Bureau du Greffier

October 31, 2017

**Re: Request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA): Application Numbers 17 10 836, 17 10 837, 17 10 838, 17 10 839**

On October 20, 2017, the City of Winnipeg received your requests for access to the following records:

- 17 10 836 *gifts under the value of \$250 received by the mayor's office in 2014.*
- 17 10 837 *gifts under the value of \$250 received by the mayor's office in 2015.*
- 17 10 838 *gifts under the value of \$250 received by the mayor's office in 2016.*
- 17 10 839 *gifts under the value of \$250 received by the mayor's office in 2017.*

The information that you have requested is available to the public and it is not necessary to make an application under the Act for it. Section 6(2) of FIPPA provides:

- 6(2) *This Part does not apply to information that is available to the public free of charge or for purchase.*

This information is collected as required under the *Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act* (MCCIA) (<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/m255e.php>) which states:

**Assets and interests which must be disclosed**

- 10 *Subject to section 11, the councillor shall disclose in the statement filed under subsection 9(1)*
- (h) *the nature, and the identity of the donor, of every gift given to the councillor or any of his dependants at any time after the coming into force of this Act, excluding*
    - (i) *gifts from a family member,*
    - (ii) *gifts disclosed in any previous statement filed under section 9, and*
    - (iii) *gifts received before the councillor was first elected to the council*

**General exemptions**

- 11 *For purposes of sections 9 and 10, no councillor is required*
- (a) *to disclose any gift worth less than \$250, unless the total value of all the gifts from the donor to the councillor and his dependants during the past year exceeded \$250*

**Statements available to public**

- 13(1) *The clerk of the municipality shall make every statement filed under section 9 available for inspection by any person without charge during normal business hours.*

Although not required, the Mayor's Office does disclose all gifts (including those under \$250) with the City Clerk. As per MCCIA, the statements are available for inspection by any person during business hours at the City Clerk's Office front desk located on the main floor in the Susan A. Thompson Building at 510 Main Street in Winnipeg.

Section 59(1) of the *Act* provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to the Manitoba Ombudsman (mail: 750-500 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 3X1; telephone: 204-982-9130).

If you have any questions, please call me at (204) 986-3141.

Sincerely,



Denise Jones  
Access and Privacy Coordinator