February 4, 2019

Email: 

Re:  Your request for access to information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Application Number 18 11 1130

On November 27, 2018, the City of Winnipeg’s Community Services Department received your request for access to the following records:

Statistics for dog bites in the city of Winnipeg (recent records).

Given the broad scope of your request, I contacted you to ascertain a timeframe for the records you were requesting. The following was the outcome of our email exchange:

Applicant confirmed that she is looking for the number of dog bites per year in the city of Winnipeg, ideally from 1990 to current date, but would like stats as far back as records allow.

I would like to extend my sincerest apologies for the delinquency in responding to your application; please know that it was not intentional. I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to records has been granted, in part.

The Animal Services Agency is able to provide the following statistics dating back to 2007:

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The Agency conducted an archival search for records dating back to 1990. Unfortunately, they are not able to locate records and/or accurate records prior to 2007. Accordingly, your
request for access is refused under section 12(1)(c)(i) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as the records do not exist.

Contents of a response
12(1) In a response under section 11, the head of the public body shall inform the applicant
(c) if access to the record or part of the record is refused,
(i) in the case of a record that does not exist or cannot be located, that the records does not exist or cannot be located.

Subsection 59(1) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act provides that you may make a complaint about our decision respecting your request 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

If you have any questions regarding this response, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Pamela Chaves
Community Information Coordinator
Community Services Department

cc: Konrad Krahn, Corporate Access & Privacy Officer

Enclosure