February 12, 2018

Re: Request for access to information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Application Number 18 01 80

On January 17, 2018, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following:

Please provide documentation on when City of Winnipeg began paying the salary of the United Firefighters of Winnipeg (UFFW) president.

The records you requested do not exist or cannot be located. Accordingly, your request for access is refused under section 12(1)(c)(i) of the Act.

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 record does not exist or cannot be located

Historically, the UFFW president has always been a full time active employee of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, who was paid in their capacity as an active duty firefighter (not as Union president), and in accordance with negotiated Collective Agreements. As such, records documenting a start date for when the City of Winnipeg began paying the salary of UFFW presidents do not exist. Since 2014, the UFFW president has been granted full time leave for union duties, with 40% of his City of Winnipeg salary reimbursed by the UFFW. Although not responsive to your request, please find enclosed a copy of the 2014 Letter of Understanding, which documents this change.

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 or 1-800-665-0531).

If you have any questions, please call me at (204) 986-8738.

Sincerely,

Konrad Krahn
Corporate Access and Privacy Officer