February 26, 2018

Re: Request for access to information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Application Number 18 02 141

On February 1, 2018, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following records:

Amount spent by the City of Winnipeg on retirement benefits (payments to a defined benefit pension plan, matched RRSP payments, etc.) for city council members from 2007-2016. Please break out the amount by year and do not include payments related to CPP. (A summary table will suffice.)

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 the Act provides:

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

The information you are looking for can be found in the annual financial statements of the Council Pension Benefits program, which are included in the City’s Annual Detailed Financial Statements, available here: http://winnipeg.ca/finance/documents_page.stm#AnnualReports. Specifically, the information you are requesting is disclosed on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits as “Contributions – The City of 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 or 1-800-665-0531).

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

Sincerely,

Denise Jones
Access and Privacy Coordinator