March 13, 2018

Re: Request for access to information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Application Number 18 02 223

On February 23, 2018, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following records:

I am requesting an itemized breakdown of city credit card expenses, by council ward, from October 2014 to January 2018. I am not interested in the mayor's office expenses.

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.

Councillor expenses are routinely updated and made available through the City’s Open Data at https://data.winnipeg.ca/Council-Services/Council-Member-Expenses/mgde-4fua. Data is available from January 2014 to November 2017 at present and as more months become available, they will be added to this dataset.

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