September 10, 2018

Re: Request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: Application Number 18 07 609

On July 9, 2018, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following:

> Since January 1, 2017, all emails sent or received by executives of the Fire Paramedic Service referencing concerns about absences by Chief John Lane, for the purpose of attending conferences or otherwise.

We corresponded and spoke a number of times in order to narrow/revise the request and, on July 30, 2018, I issued a fee estimate. On August 29, 2018, you indicated that you would not be paying the fee estimate but revised the request to the following:

> Please ask the 5 people - including the 3 deputy chiefs, the chief, and Michelle Weimer - to conduct searches for respondent emails on the request: "Since January 1, 2017, all emails sent or received by executives of the Fire Paramedic Service referencing concerns about absences by Chief John Lane, for the purpose of attending conferences or otherwise."

As requested, each of the five individuals, John Lane (Chief), Christian Schmidt (Deputy Chief Operations and Communications), Tom Wallace (Deputy Chief Support Services), Russ Drohomereski (Deputy Chief Professional Development), and Michelle Weimer (Executive Assistant), have each conducted a search emails responsive to your request. None of the searches resulted in any responsive records being found. 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

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