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Elaine Keenan Bengts
Nunavut Information and Privacy Commissioner
5018 – 47th Street
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Dear Ms. Keenan Bengts:

Re: *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* File Number: 1029-20-EDT1289

In accordance with section 36 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, I am writing in response to the Review Recommendation report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, dated June 11, 2012.

After careful review and consideration of the information related to this review, I have decided to accept the recommendations to disclose the records and elements of records specified in your report, and I have directed staff of the Department of Economic Development & Transportation to provide the records in question to the applicant.

I must stress that while I agree with your recommendations to variously disclose and except from disclosure, I do not fully embrace your position on certain matters. Specifically, it is my view that the *Access to Information & Protection of Privacy Act* affords certain protections for privileged information, information belonging to third party organizations such as municipalities, and the personal information of employees, and that exceptions to disclosure for these reasons are often appropriate.

However, I do not believe that a disagreement over such details should obscure our agreement on the action to be taken, nor our shared commitment to carry out our respective responsibilities under the Act.

Sincerely,

Peter Taptuna
Minister of Economic Development & Transportation
Government of Nunavut

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