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Privacy Review : 13-183-5

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Dear Ms. Keenan Bengts and [REDACTED]

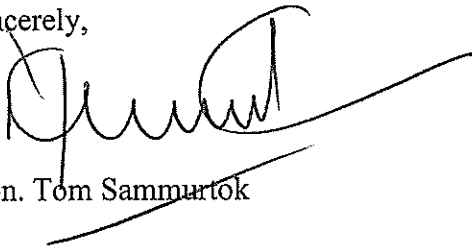
I am writing regarding the Nunavut Information and Privacy Commissioner's review and written report pertaining to a potential breach of the privacy provisions of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* when an employee of the Department of Community and Government Services named an employee of the Municipality of [REDACTED] during an on air interview with CBC North.

Although we are happy to accept the conclusion of your written report that there was no breach of privacy under the Act, my department is not in the position to accept the recommendation that the Department of Community and Government Services create and provide all municipalities in Nunavut with a draft privacy policy and encourage them all to implement reasonable privacy safeguards. The Department of Community and Government Service is not responsible for writing policies for other levels of government. Municipal governments across Nunavut are responsible for the development of their own policies and by laws.

Furthermore, as the Commissioner is already aware, the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs (EIA), through their Access to Information and Protection of Privacy office, is already working with municipalities on ATIPP issues. The Department of Community and Government Services will most certainly support EIA in their efforts to work with municipalities on ATIPP, however, it is the mandate of the ATIPP office at EIA to undertake this work.

I appreciate your comments and recommendations on this matter. Should you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail, please contact our Acting Director of Policy, Jodi Durdle-Awa at 975 5387 (jdurdle-awa@gov.nu.ca).

Sincerely,



Hon. Tom Sammurtok