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On October 30, 2018, you submitted 78 FIPPA requests to the City of Winnipeg and, on November 5, 2018, you submitted 3 more (see attached listing).

We have determined that the nature of these requests is systematic, accordingly, we are disregarding them, as permitted by section 13(1)(b) of the Act.

Public body may disregard certain requests

13(1) *The head of a public body may disregard a request for access if he or she is of the opinion that*

(b) because of their repetitious or systematic nature, the requests would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the public body or amount to an abuse of the right to make those requests

To respond to these 81 requests within 30 days would unreasonably interfere with the City's operations. As explained in the Ombudsman's brochure entitled [Tips for Making a FIPPA Request](#), when you plan to submit multiple FIPPA requests, it is advised to prioritize them since "it may not be reasonable to expect that the public body will be able to respond to all of your requests within 30 days."

Upon examination, 31 of the requests are iterations of 4 requests broken down by year. Since each FIPPA request is permitted 2 free hours of search and preparation time under the Act, systematically breaking down large requests in this manner increases the number of "free hours" from a total of 8 hours for 4 requests to 62 hours for 31 requests. It is our position that this is not a reasonable exercise of an applicant's rights and responsibilities under the Act.

Additionally, another 41 of the requests are for "breakdowns," "percentages," or "averages" of data, again systematically broken down by year. FIPPA guarantees a right of access to any record in the custody or under the control of the City of Winnipeg. However, the public body is not required to compute, analyze, or compile recorded information or data in order to respond to FIPPA requests. The Ombudsman's brochure provides advice for this scenario as well: "Talk to the public body to find out more about the records you might want to access. Knowing how the records are kept and managed or how statistics about a program are tracked can assist you in wording your request in a manner that makes processing it more efficient."

I invite you to contact me directly so that we can work together to determine a path forward. Please call me at (204) 986-3141.

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).



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