

Information Requested by PAC on February 13, 2017



Request from Committee	Response
<p>As follow up to the November 28th, 2016 request of "all records provided to the Provincial Auditor";</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did you not disclose all of the information CBC was able to obtain through the freedom of information? 2. [PAC] would like a list of what we did not receive. 3. We would like to ask for you to provide all of those e-mails that came through the ITO to the Provincial Auditor and provide those to the committee. 	<p>In preparation for the review by the Provincial Auditor, the GTH prepared a binder of information which encompassed all information we considered relevant. In addition to our reference binder, the Auditor requested a number of ad-hoc files while conducting an in-person investigation at the GTH, as well as requested ITO to undertake a search of historic email records. The information previously provided to PAC on January 12, 2017 was based on the binder of information the GTH prepared, considering <i>the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>. We are releasing to you at this time, a list of those documents in the binder that we withheld. In review, we have determined items 16 and 23 on that list can be released.</p> <p>As part of the historical email search, there were more than 2,300 GTH emails restored by ITO and provided to the Provincial Auditor. These original emails and their attachments were forwarded to the Auditor last spring. Consistent with <i>the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>, we are in the process of reviewing and preparing these emails and their attachments for the committee. This is a significant undertaking. We anticipate it will take up to seven weeks to be in a position to table those documents for PAC.</p> <p>In addition to the review of restored emails, we are providing all documents related to the land purchase previously released publicly through Freedom of Information requests. This represents more than 1,000 pages of information.</p>
<p>Who from the Minister's Office provided the December 3rd, 2013 Board Package?</p>	<p>The minister's chief of staff Cam Baker provided this information on December 2, 2013 via email to the GTH Board Secretary.</p>

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<p>At what point did the GTH notify the Ministry of Highways that the GTH was intending to purchase the 204 acres?</p> <p>Who, from the GTH, notified, which official, at the Ministry of Highways with this information?</p> <p>How was the ministry notified by the GTH?</p>	<p>We do not have a record of the date, the method of communication, or the individuals involved in the notification.</p>
<p>In the information items of December 3rd and December 19th, there was an indication in there regarding an announcement plan and it was proposed that a routine announcement strategy be used consistent with the Ministry of Highways' routine land acquisition policies.</p> <p>Please provide the committee with how this announcement was made: whether you consulted the Ministry of Highways to use "their routine land acquisition policies," and when you consulted with Highways as to how to announce this particular acquisition?</p>	<p>There is no record of an announcement related to the land acquisition.</p>

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<p>Regarding preparations for Bill 81:</p> <p>Seeking clarification regarding the reference made in May of 2013 to "two advisory committees". Who were these committees and who were their members?</p> <p>Do you know who the GTH consulted with when the Bill was being drafted and presented to the legislature?</p>	<p>Based on review of our available internal records, a steering/advisory committee was established which included various government ministries, executive government, GTH officials, and consultants. Based on those historical records, it is not clear who sat on that committee.</p> <p>The second committee referred to our Board of Directors. The 2013 annual report shows the following individuals made up the GTH board: The Honourable Bill Boyd, Captain Gordon Houston, Ron Dedman, Lionel LaBelle, Louis Ranger and Mayo Schmidt.</p> <p>Based on our available internal records, consultations occurred with representatives of the City of Regina, Sakimay First Nation, the RM of Sherwood, Regina Regional Opportunities Commission (Economic Development Regina), GTH clients and other government ministries.</p>
<p>In what experience would Laurie Pushor have that would lead him to believe the \$88,000 an acre was a reasonable purchase price on the part of Mr. Marquart when Mr. Lawrek had already identified it as being overpriced and overpaid and at least six other developers in Regina has confirmed that.</p>	<p>Laurie Pushor has indicated that he cooperated fully with the Provincial Auditor, disclosed every detail and record regarding this transaction with the Auditor, and he believes her report (detailed on pages 28 and 30) accurately reflects the events that occurred.</p>

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<p>Regarding the e-mail Mr. Wagar sent to Mr. Schroeder on December 6th, 2013:</p> <p>Would you undertake to provide any notes [Mr. Wagar] may have to the committee?</p>	<p>We reviewed our records and do not have any notes or documentation prepared by Mr. Wagar related to this email.</p>
<p>E-mails obtained by CBC's TTeam show that the GTH's Chief Operating Officer Blair Wagar has been told Tauppauf was "the potential purchaser" of the land about five months before the deal went to cabinet. (October 16th, 2016 CBC article reference)</p> <p>Why didn't Mr. Wagar reveal that he knew who the company owner was in June of 2012 when this was an item for cabinet's consideration?</p>	<p>Based on discussion with Blair Wagar, the information was based on hearsay and independent verification could not be obtained.</p>
<p>Who made the recommendation that the GTH should purchase the land?</p> <p>Is this something Mr. Pushor would know?</p>	<p>As per the Provincial Auditor's report, Cabinet authorized the GTH to acquire the land. The GTH does not have records or documentation to identify specific individuals or committees.</p> <p>Laurie Pushor has indicated that he cooperated fully with the Provincial Auditor, disclosed every detail and record regarding this transaction with the Auditor, and he believes her report accurately reflects the events that occurred.</p>