



Department of Highways and Public Works  
May 30, 2025

Applicant c/o  
Access and Privacy Officer  
Corporate Information Management, ATIPP Office

### **Final Response ATIPP Access Request 24-695**

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The Department of Highways and Public Works has searched the Deputy Minister's Office, Policy and Communications and Property Management and has identified records responsive to Access Request 24-695 noted below:

**All records discussing lead in Yukon school water.**

**Additional Information:**

**Public Body:**

Upon review of the records, and in an attempt to reduce the costs associated with this request, I am wondering if you are interested in receiving the below documents in this request:

1. contracts for drinking fountain/fountain filter upgrades?
  2. Drainage improvement emails/documents?
  3. Drafts. Ex. Session briefing notes, decision notes, communication plans, and preliminary assessments?
  4. Signage that was posted in schools on the fountains?
  5. Floor plans of the schools indicated where fountains are located?
  6. Pictures of the water fountain filters?
  7. Bid submissions for potable water fixtures?
  8. Publicly available information?
- Ex.
- a. Testing for lead in school drinking water: a summary of sampling protocols
  - b. Guidance on Controlling corrosion in drinking water distribution systems
  - c. Lead and copper in drinking water in schools and daycares: assessment and response guide
  - d. 3T's for reducing lead in drinking water in schools and child care facilities
  - e. Session briefing notes

**Applicant:**

Thanks for checking in on his request. Based on recent returns from across YG, using the frame of the original request I can scope it down to the following:

Information sent to HPW health and safety committees and health and safety representatives regarding lead and safe drinking water;

A list of structural changes throughout YG infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water;

Testing results after any structural changes to mitigate for lead and unsafe water;

Information provided by the Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding lead and safe drinking water;

Information provided by PSC regarding lead and safe drinking water;

Records held by the Minister, DM and ADMs regarding lead and safe drinking water.

**Timeframe: February 1, 2024 - February 19, 2025**

**Decision**

The Head of the Department of Highways and Public Works has approved the following response to this request:

**Access Granted in Part**

Certain types of information have been withheld pursuant to the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. A summary of records reviewed, and information withheld is enclosed.

**Final Costs**

Fees totaling \$216.00 must be returned to the Applicant. There are no charges associated with duplicate and out-of-scope records. The following is a breakdown of the fee calculation:

<b>Fee Calculation Summary</b>	
Total hours: (# pages processed @ 50 pages/hour)	<b>15.3</b>
Hours provided free of charge:	5.0
Total Cost Payable (# hours @ \$30.00/hour)	\$459.00
Deposit paid:	\$675.00
<b>Total Fees Owed to Applicant:</b>	<b>\$-216.00</b>

## **Right to Complain**

Pursuant to section 66 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act you may contact Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner with a complaint in respect to this response. Section 66 states:

*An applicant may, in respect of the head of a responsive public body's response to their access request under section 64, make a complaint to the commissioner by filing the complaint in accordance with section 90.*

Should you wish to do so, please refer your written complaint within 30 business days to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner  
3162 Third Avenue, Main Floor, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1G3  
E-mail: [intake@yukonombudsman.ca](mailto:intake@yukonombudsman.ca)  
Phone: (867) 667-8468; (toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8468)

## **Contact Person in Department**

If the applicant has any questions, please contact the Designated Access Officer for Department of Highways and Public Works at [hpw.atipp@yukon.ca](mailto:hpw.atipp@yukon.ca).

# Summary of Redactions

ATIPP Access Request 24-695

Records Summary	
Initial Page Count:	3419
Duplicates:	634
Not responsive:	1777
Final Page Count:	1008

Redactions Summary	
70(1)	Disclosure of the information (emails and personal opinions) would be an unreasonable invasion of the third party's privacy.
72(1)(b)(vi)	Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the security of a system.
74(1)(a)	Disclosure of the information would reveal advice and recommendation to a public body and a minister.
75(1)(a)(ii)	Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to harm the financial interests of the Government of the Yukon.

## Notes:

Non-responsive records may include records outside of the time frame of the request and/or records unrelated to the subject matter of the request.

The initial page count increased due to records received after the Access Information Summary was sent.