

July 23, 2019

**SENT BY EMAIL** 



Object: Notice of receipt and response to your request dated July 18, 2019 (section 46)



We hereby confirm that our organization has received your request on July 18, 2019. In this request, you are seeking to obtain information regarding:

"I have consulted the FRQS website, but it appears that decisions and funding amounts are only reliably reported for the 2019-2020 year and not prior. I am writing to you to ask where I can retrieve this information."

Following the analysis of your request, we were able to access the information requested (section 47 (1) of the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information*, RLRQ, c. A-2.1 (the Act)). The previous competition results are available by following this link to the website of our organisation: http://www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca/bourses-et-subventions/resultats-des-concours-anterieurs (available in French only). The personal information contained on this page is public information according to section 57 (4) of the Act.

In accordance with Section 51 of the Act, we inform you that you can request a review of this decision with the "Commission d'accès à l'information". You will find enclosed an explanatory note on the exercise of this legal remedy.

Please note that according to the *Regulation respecting the distribution of information and the protection of personal information* (RLRQ, c. A-2.1, r. 2), information regarding your application will also be available on the FRQS's website. However, be assured that your identity will not be disclosed.

Best regards,



Me Mylène Deschênes, B.C.L., LL.B., LL.M. Person in charge of access to documents and the protection of personal information Directrice, affaires éthiques et juridiques Bureau du scientifique en chef

Enc. Notice of legal remedy - (Sections 46, 48 and 51 of the Act) and relevant sections of the Act

# Notice of legal remedy - (Sections 46, 48 and 51 of the Act)

Following a decision made under the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information.

#### Review

## a) Request for review

Section 135 of the Act provides that a person whose request was refused in whole or in part by the person in charge of access to documents and of the protection of personal information may apply to the "Commission d'accès à l'information" to review the decision. The request must be in writing and may outline the reasons why the decision should be reviewed (Section 137).

The address of the "Commission d'accès à l'information" is:

## Québec

Office 2.36 525, blvd. René-Lévesque Est Québec (Québec) G1R 5S9

Tel.: 418 528-7741 Toll-free: 1 888 528-7741 Fax: 418 529-3102

Email: cai.communications@cai.gouv.qc.ca

#### Montréal

Office 18.200

500, blvd. René-Lévesque Ouest Montréal (Québec) H2Z 1W7

Tel.: 514 873-4196 Toll-free: 1 888 528-7741 Fax: 514 844-6170

Email: cai.communications@cai.gouv.qc.ca

## b) Grounds for review

The grounds for review may include the decision on the application processing time, on the mode of access to a document or to information, on the fees payable or on the application of Section 9 (personal notes written in a document, sketches, outlines, drafts, preliminary notes or other documents of the same nature which are not considered as documents of a public body).

## c) Time limit

Requests for review must be submitted to the "Commission d'accès à l'information" within 30 days of the date of the decision or of the expiration of the period granted to the person in charge of access to documents and of the protection of personal information for responding to an access request (Section 135).

The Act specifically provides that the "Commission d'accès à l'information" may, for any serious cause, release the applicant from a failure to observe the time limit of 30 days (Section 135).

# RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE ACT RESPECTING ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS HELD BY PUBLIC BODIES AND THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- **47.** The person in charge must, promptly and not later than twenty days from the date the request was received,
- (1) grant access to the document, which may then be accompanied with information on the circumstances in which it was produced;

[...]

**51.** Where the request is in writing, the decision is made in writing by the person in charge, and a copy thereof is sent to the applicant, and, if such is the case, to the third person who submitted observations in accordance with section 49.

The decision must be accompanied by the text of the provision on which the refusal is based, where applicable, and a notice of the proceeding for review provided for in Division III of Chapter IV, indicating in particular the time limit within which it may be exercised.

**57.** The following personal information is public information :

[...]

(4) the name and address of a person deriving an economic benefit granted by a public body by virtue of a discretionary power, and any information on the nature of that benefit;