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Colin Craig
1881 Portage Avenue
P.O. Box 42123
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Dear Mr. Craig,

RE: Your Request for Access to Information under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: Our File Number 25/2013

On October 17, 2013, the City of Brandon received your request for access to the following records:

Please provide documentation on any analysis the City of Brandon completed or any data it used to determine if ratepayers could afford the City's last two property tax increases.

To determine the amount of revenues required from property taxes, the City takes the overall expenditure and subtracts all other sources of revenue such as licence fees, user fees and provincial grants. The balance is the amount to be raised through municipal property taxes. Ultimately, it is the role of Council to balance funding needs with the ratepayer's ability to absorb tax increases.

The considerations and adjustments Councillors have made to the budget over the last two years are available in the City Council meeting minutes available online at: <http://www.brandon.ca/council-information/minutes-a-agendas>.

Subsection 59(1) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy 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:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 - 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
982-9130
1-800-665-0531

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If you have any questions, please write to me or call me at 729-2269.

Yours Truly,



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