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Object: Response to Access to Information Request #18-1811 AI (D)

Mr. Robertson,

We write further to your request for access to information made under the *Access to Information Act* (*"ATIA"*) and received by VIA Rail Canada Inc. (*"VIA Rail"*) on May 30, 2018, for the following records:

> ***"All records regarding the cost of bringing Via Rail's passenger cars and locomotives down from Churchill, Manitoba, which occurred on Oct. 17, 2017 through the company Desgagnes Transarctik/NSSI."***

Following internal consultation, the total cost of bringing VIA Rail's passenger cars and locomotives down from Churchill, Manitoba is of 607 000$ (details attached). Please note however that if those locomotives and cars had stayed in Churchill during the entire winter, it would have cost approximately one (1) million dollars to fix and bring back to life these pieces of equipment that would have been damaged by sustained harsh winter temperatures.

Complaint

Please be advised that you may file a complaint regarding the handling of your request with the *Information Commissioner of Canada*, in accordance with the requirements of section 31 of the *ATIA*, which reads as follows:

> *"31. A complaint under this Act shall be made to the Information Commissioner in writing unless the Commissioner authorizes otherwise. If the complaint relates to a request by a person for access to a record, it shall be made within sixty days after the day in which the person receives a notice of a refusal under section 7, is given to access to all or part of the record or, in any other case, becomes aware that grounds for the complaint exist."*

Notice of complaint should be sent to the following address:

> *Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada*
> *30, Victoria Street*
> *Gatineau, Quebec*
> *K1A 1H3*
> *E-mail: general@oic-ci.gc.ca*

Please note that you may also file a complaint online on the Information Commissioner of Canada's website at the following address: http://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/eng/lc-cj-logde-complaint-deposer-plainte.aspx.

Before submitting a complaint pursuant to the *ATIA* to the *Information Commissioner of Canada*, you may contact us to obtain more information regarding the handling of your access to information request.

Trusting the whole to be in order, we remain at your disposal should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Gabrielle Caron
Access to Information and Privacy Officer
VIA Rail Canada Inc.

Encl. Detailed information

Center	Acct	Period	Category	Transaction Description	Source/PO #	Voucher #	Invoice #	Type	Debits	Credits	Journal Name
8354	1121	17-août	Purchase Invoices	TETRA TECH CANADA INC.	500185	1563499	60540272	ITEM	17 500,00	0	AUG-17 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	17-sept	Purchase Invoices	DESGAGNES TRANSARCTIK INC.	500327	1566556	18040	ITEM	28 023,11	0	SEP-17 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	17-sept	Purchase Invoices	OMNI RAIL INC	500273	1561830	11438	ITEM	72 697,44	0	SEP-17 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	17-nov	Purchase Invoices	FACTORY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY		1582729	MOV00065	ITEM	3 240,00	0	NOV-17 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Purchase Invoices	NEAS INC	501267	1588829	11926	ITEM	305 827,00	0	DEC-17 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Purchase Invoices	NEAS INC	501267	1588832	11891	ITEM	14 733,57	0	DEC-17 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Purchase Invoices	GREAT PLAINS RAIL CONTRACTORS INC	500746	1587898	IN004931	ITEM	104 699,51	0	DEC-17 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Purchase Invoices	GREAT PLAINS RAIL CONTRACTORS INC	500746	1587898	IN004931	ITEM	0	53 626,58	DEC-17 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Adjustment	Cross charge de 1121-8354 à 7509-8900 - ref: IE202538 Travel and hospitality expenses of VIA employees	Spreadsheet				1 288,20	0	Sevigny Adjustment CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Adjustment	Cross charge de 1121-8354 à 7509-8900 - ref: IE202532 Travel and hospitality expenses of VIA employees	Spreadsheet				1 379,13	0	Sevigny Adjustment CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Adjustment	Cross charge de 1121-8354 à 7509-8900 - ref: IE201905 Travel and hospitality expenses of VIA employees	Spreadsheet				1 439,42	0	Sevigny Adjustment CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Adjustment	Cross charge de 1121-8354 à 7509-8900 - ref: IE202614 Travel and hospitality expenses of VIA employees	Spreadsheet				1 471,52	0	Sevigny Adjustment CAD
8354	1121	17-déc	Adjustment	Cross charge de 1121-8354 à 7509-8900 - ref: IE201318 Travel and hospitality expenses of VIA employees	Spreadsheet				1 533,35	0	Sevigny Adjustment CAD
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8354	1121	17-déc	Adjustment	Cross charge de 1121-8354 à 7509-8900 - ref: IE201902 Travel and hospitality expenses of VIA employees	Spreadsheet				865,45	0	Sevigny Adjustment CAD
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8354	1121	18-janv	Purchase Invoices	GREAT PLAINS RAIL CONTRACTORS INC	500746	1587899	IN004932	ITEM	22 369,00	0	JAN-18 Purchase Invoices CAD
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8354	1121	18-févr	Purchase Invoices	HUDSON BAY PORT COMPANY		1589379	5945	ITEM	3 142,12	0	FEB-18 Purchase Invoices CAD
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8354	1121	18-févr	Adjustment	Cross charge of Saturn Industries Invoice 148056	Spreadsheet				1 724,05	0	Rulkova Adjustment CAD
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8354	1121	18-févr	Adjustment	Cross charge of Saturn Industries Invoice 147679	Spreadsheet				1 034,43	0	Rulkova Adjustment CAD
8354	1121	18-févr	Adjustment	Cross charge of Polar inn suites Invoice 1265	Spreadsheet				310	0	Rulkova Adjustment CAD
8354	1121	18-févr	Adjustment	Cross charge Postage for return of tools	Spreadsheet				18,92	0	Rulkova Adjustment CAD
8354	1121	18-mars	Purchase Invoices	NEAS INC	501267	1609621	12105	ITEM	5 208,50	0	MAR-18 Purchase Invoices CAD
8354	1121	18-mars	Purchase Invoices	AON REED STENHOUSE INC		1589541	3,47E+12	ITEM	10 800,00	0	MAR-18 Purchase Invoices CAD
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