



**PRIVACY**

[Expand](#)

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

[Expand](#)

**RESOURCES**

[Expand](#)

**DECISIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

[Expand](#)

**ABOUT US**

[Expand](#)

[Home](#) | [Browse All Resources](#) | [Newsletters](#) | [IPC Privacy & Access by Design Winter 2011/12](#) | [January: Milestone Month for the IPC](#)

[E-mail](#) | [Print](#) | [Accessibility](#) | Share: [f](#) [t](#) [g+](#) [+](#)

[Annual Reports](#)

[Best Practices and Professional Guidelines](#)

[Discussion Papers](#)

[Educational Material](#)

[Events](#)

[Forms](#)

[IPC Corporate](#)

[Legislation](#)

[Links](#)

[News Releases](#)

[Newsletters](#)

[Presentations and Speeches](#)

[Reports and Submissions](#)

[RSS](#)

[Resources](#)

## IPC Privacy & Access by Design Winter 2011/12 | January: Milestone Month for the IPC

Published Date

Dec 13, 2011



Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

Winter Newsletter | 2011 / 12

### SPOTLIGHT

JANUARY: MILESTONE MONTH for the IPC

The IPC is going silver. 2012 represents a special anniversary: 25 years since Ontario's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* was passed, and our agency opened its doors with a modest staff of three people under the leadership of Justice Sidney Linden. We've come a long way and we're celebrating!

First established as an independent oversight "watchdog" agency to ensure that government organizations complied with the Act, the early IPC launched appeals from people who were refused the information they requested from government organizations, and investigated privacy complaints.

[Read More](#)



### FROM THE COMMISSIONER

#### Privacy by Design ... South of the Border



**Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D.**  
Information and Privacy  
Commissioner  
Ontario, Canada

This past fall, I participated in the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners in Mexico City. I look forward to this annual gathering; it is an opportunity to interact with more than 700 top privacy professionals representing data protection authorities from all over the world.

Since last year, *Privacy by Design (PbD)* has been recognized as an international standard in privacy protection. I was truly moved by the number of times our made-in-Ontario solution was cited at the conference. Everywhere, people told me how they were noting and acting upon *PbD*; how far and wide *PbD* has spread. It was clear that my Office had succeeded in promoting embedding privacy in the design of IT, business practices, and networked infrastructures. *PbD* has gone viral.

[Read More](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**January 6, 2012**

*Privacy by Design: A Case Study of the Mobile Millennium Traffic Pilot*



**January 27, 2012**

*Beware of "Surveillance by Design:" The Threat of Looming "Lawful Access" Legislation*

## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Calling all Students!

**NEW!**

### Grade 11 & 12 Teacher's Guide



Engages students in discussion about access to information, personal branding & online social networking

### Grade 10 Teacher's Guide



Lessons & activities designed to educate students about open government and privacy protection

### Privacy by Design Lesson



Shows students how privacy can be designed into technologies, processes and physical spaces

**Educators: Order free copies today!**



### Introducing Access by Design

*Access by Design* urges governments to proactively offer access to publicly-held information *by default* — as part of an automatic process.

[Learn more:](#)



Video: What is Access by Design?

### First AbD Order

October 14, 2011 | **PO-3002**  
Landlord and Tenant Board

[More on AbD, click here](#)

## FEATURED VIDEO



O'Reilly Media: "Privacy hasn't disappeared - it has evolved"

## RECENT ORDERS

Nov 07, 2011 | **PO-3009-F**  
University of Ottawa

Nov 03, 2011 | **MO-2668**  
Township of Minden Hills

Oct 24, 2011 | **MO-2660**  
City of Toronto

Oct 14, 2011 | **PO-3002**  
Landlord and Tenant Board

Oct 13, 2011 | **HO-011**  
Cancer Care Ontario

[See More Recent Orders](#)

Submit your 2011  
FIPPA/MFIPPA  
Statistical Reports  
**March 1, 2012 Deadline**  
Online Reporting Now Open

Follow  
the IPC on  
twitter  
@IPCinfoprivacy



February 15, 2012

Time to get Smart about Privacy and Security: Abandon Zero-Sum in Favour of Privacy by Design



May 9, 2012

IAPP Canada Privacy Symposium



May 23, 2012

Information Management, Access & Privacy Symposium

## WHAT'S NEW

White Paper. *November 28, 2011.* Mobile Near Field Communications (NFC) For Secure & Private "Tap 'n Go"

Award. *November 15, 2011.* Top 25 Women of Influence

Press Release. *November 1, 2011.* Privacy by ReDesign: a new Ontario solution, headlines at international privacy conference

Open Letter. *October 31, 2011.* The Privacy Implications of Federal Government's Expansive Surveillance Proposal

White Paper. *September 30, 2011.* Discussion Paper with IBM - Privacy by Design: From Policy to Practice

Outreach. *September 26, 2011.* IPC recognizes "Right to Know Week 2011" with educational outreach at Ontario hospitals

[WWW.IPC.ON.CA](http://www.ipc.on.ca) | [Feedback](#) | [Unsubscribe](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Contact Us](#)



**SPOTLIGHT** | ...continued from above

## **Milestone Month for the IPC**

**The IPC is going silver.** 2012 represents a special anniversary: 25 years since Ontario's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* was passed, and our agency opened its doors with a modest staff of three people under the leadership of Justice Sidney Linden. We've come a long way and we're celebrating!

First established as an independent oversight "watchdog" agency to ensure that government organizations complied with the *Act*, the early IPC launched appeals from people who were refused the information they requested from government organizations, and investigated privacy complaints.

The provincial *Act* applied to ministries and most agencies, boards, and commissions. Then in January, 1991, the newly-enacted *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* covered Ontario's extensive array of municipal institutions.

And the best was yet to come! After years of advocacy, November, 2004 ushered in the enactment of the landmark *Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)*. This health privacy law applied to all individuals and organizations involved in the delivery of health care services – both public and private sectors – to ensure the protection of personal health information of patients. The IPC was appointed oversight of this legislation and we are pleased that in the seven years since its enactment, we have needed to issue only 11 health Orders.

Universities were subsequently brought under the *FIPPA* in June, 2006.

Now another long-awaited access to information milestone is fast approaching. For the first time, hospitals are being brought under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* beginning January, 2012. Historically excluded, they will now enjoy a new culture of greater transparency and accountability.

Just around the corner on January 28 is International Privacy Day, marking 31 years since the first binding international convention of privacy came into force. To recognize this occasion we will be hosting a symposium called **Beware of "Surveillance by Design:" The Threat of Looming "Lawful Access" Legislation**, debating the implications of impending federal "lawful access" legislation, which, if passed, would pose a real danger of warrantless expanded surveillance that is not conducive to our vision of democratic rights and freedoms. The event is being held at the MaRS Discovery District on January 27 at 9:00 a.m. and features eminent speakers Dr. Ron Deibert, Nathalie Des Rosiers, David Fraser and John Ibbitson who are sure to raise awareness of this issue which has become a hot topic of debate. This will kick-start the IPC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations throughout 2012.

## FROM THE COMMISSIONER ...continued from above

### **Privacy by Design ... South of the Border**

This past fall, I participated in the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners in Mexico City. I look forward to this annual gathering; it is an opportunity to interact with more than 700 top privacy professionals representing data protection authorities from all over the world.

Since last year, *Privacy by Design (PbD)* has been recognized as an international standard in privacy protection. I was truly moved by the number of times our made-in-Ontario solution was cited at the conference. Everywhere, people told me how they were noting and acting upon *PbD*; how far and wide *PbD* has spread. It was clear that my Office had succeeded in promoting embedding privacy in the design of IT, business practices, and networked infrastructures. *PbD* has gone viral.

As I did the previous three years, I held a pre-conference workshop – this one focused on *Privacy by Redesign*, an innovative extension of *PbD*, which encourages embedding privacy into already-existing mature and legacy systems.

Attendance at the workshop exceeded all expectations (standing room only!) and world-class experts generously shared their best ideas and practices. (Speakers are listed at, <http://privacybydesign.ca/events/past/>).

In another session, I described the past year's developments in *PbD* – including the landmark Resolution passed unanimously at last year's conference, recognizing *PbD* as an essential component of fundamental privacy protection. I shared my report, **Privacy by Design: Strong Privacy Protection — Now, and Well into the Future**, which highlights *PbD* applications by key players in the privacy sphere.

I also chaired an impressive panel, "*Privacy by Design in the Public Sector*" with exceptional panel members: Peter Hustinx, European Data Protection Supervisor; Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer for the Department of Homeland Security; Tom Marinelli, Chief Technologist at the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG); and Jules Polonetsky, Director of the Future of Privacy Forum.

A session highlight was the collaborative work by the IPC and the OLG to embed a privacy-protective facial recognition solution that supports OLG customers enrolled in a completely voluntary self-exclusion program.

It was a successful conference – a wonderful interaction of very impressive minds – and a great opportunity to continue to spread the word of *Privacy by Design*. I look forward to next year's conference and can only imagine what 2012 holds in store for the IPC in our 25<sup>th</sup> year!

Until the next issue of *IPC Privacy & Access by Design*, have a safe and happy winter, and Happy New Year from myself

and everyone at the IPC!

**Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D.**  
Information and Privacy Commissioner  
Ontario, Canada

This email is directed only to those who have opted in to receive newsletters from the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. Please view our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have any questions call us at **416.326.3333 / 1.800.387.0073**, send us an email at [info@ipc.on.ca](mailto:info@ipc.on.ca), or write to us at: Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, 2 Bloor St. East, Suite 1400, Toronto, ON, M4W 1A8.

© 2011 Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. All rights reserved. IPC, Privacy by Design and related trademarks, names, and logos are the property of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and are registered and/or used in Canada, the U.S. and countries around the world. All other trademarks are property of their respective owners.

[<< Back](#)

[Back to Top](#)

[Français](#) | [Privacy](#) | [Access to Information](#) | [Resources](#) | [Decisions & Resolutions](#) | [About Us](#)  
[Contact Us](#) | [Site Map](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [RSS](#) | [Accessibility](#) | [Twitter Policy](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)