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COMMISSIONER CHARTS A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE OF ACCESS AND PRIVACY IN ONTARIO

Ontarians expect their governments and broader public sector organizations to embrace new technologies for the effective and efficient delivery of programs and services. These technologies can be implemented in a way that will increase transparency, protect personal information, strengthen security and provide benefits for individuals and society. In his first annual report since becoming Commissioner, Brian Beamish expresses his support for the adoption of new tools and offers assistance to Ontario institutions to ensure privacy protection and compliance with the law.

In [Charting a Course for the Future](#), the Commissioner examines the use of new technologies in programs being implemented across the province, such as

April 5, 2015
[Markham ordered to reconsider its secrecy on failed arena project](#)
Toronto Star

May 4, 2015
[Privacy commissioner embarking on review of how it deals with PHIPA complaints](#)
Canadian Lawyer

May 6, 2015
[Cop body cams open privacy issues](#)
St. Catharines Standard

May 15, 2015
[Beamish says clear rules needed for body cameras](#)
CP24

May 16, 2015

electronic health records and body-worn cameras. He also recognizes the enormous possibilities and benefits of Open Government.

Many new technologies enable more open and accountable government, better health care, and improved security and safety for the citizens of our province. Our goal is to help government and the broader public sector to thoroughly address the access and privacy challenges posed by these new technologies up front to ensure that these goals are fulfilled.

Brian Beamish, Commissioner

Quest for DNA data began with a simple question

Toronto Star



PLANNING FOR SUCCESS: A GUIDE TO PIAS

Ontario public sector institutions must meet high standards of care and trust whenever collecting, using and disclosing personal and other sensitive information. Any public institution considering new information technologies, systems and program services that may affect privacy are strongly encouraged to complete a privacy impact assessment (PIA).

A PIA is an organizational risk management tool and a process used to identify the effects of a given process or other activity on an individual's privacy. PIAs also serve to identify any risks to the institution. The IPC's new resource, **Planning for Success: Privacy Impact Assessment Guide**, provides institutions with step-by-step advice on how to conduct a PIA from beginning to end.

The new guide will help institutions define scope, engage internal and external stakeholders, understand information flows, identify privacy solutions and prepare an effective PIA report. Beginning a PIA early in a project's development provides a systematic basis for mitigating privacy risks at every step, and for documenting decisions for accountability and compliance purposes.



BUILDING BRIDGES AT BROCK

The IPC has relaunched a refreshed and revised Reaching Out to Ontario (ROTO) program. With a new Commissioner



May 27-29, 2015

2015 OACCAC Conference

Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres

May 28, 2015

IAPP Canada Privacy Symposium

The International Association of Privacy Professionals

June 5, 2015



February 11, 2015

PO-3461 – Compelling public interest outweighs personal privacy exemption in request for records detailing when DNA samples were taken from victims and/or

comes new priorities, including visiting communities outside of the Greater Toronto Area to engage with stakeholders. The first stop for the new ROTO was Brock University on May 6, where the Commissioner delivered a well-received presentation on current trends and the future direction of access and privacy.

Attendees then had the opportunity to interact with the IPC staff on a closer level by attending one of two panel sessions. The first was geared towards *FIPPA/MFIPPA*, offering a discussion on the changing nature of access to government-held information and the evolution to a more transparent and accountable government. The second was *PHIPA* oriented and examined the many challenges of protecting personal health information in electronic environments.

Feedback from attendees was extremely positive. As one representative from Brock University said, "This not only helped to build bridges between the IPC and Niagara Region, it has created new relationships between our regional municipalities. If ROTO can nurture communication between those that work with access and privacy legislation, then it's on the right track."

Watch for the IPC and ROTO to reach northern Ontario this fall.

The Commissioner's presentation and the panel sessions can be downloaded [here](#).

identified addresses as part of an investigation relating to a criminal case that has received significant public attention.

Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

February 25, 2015

PO-3467 – IPC determines that the names of driving instructors who have had their instructor licenses revoked, without the reasons for the revocation, is not the personal information of the instructors.

Ministry of Transportation

March 20, 2015

MC13-67 – IPC recommends city implement privacy protective measures to obscure certain personal information from search engines.

City of Vaughan

March 31, 2015

MO-3178 – The school board received a request for all negotiated leases relating to land that it leases to a third party and denied access. The IPC found no exemptions applied and ordered disclosure to the appellant.

York Catholic District School Board

April 7, 2015

MO-3181 – The employment contracts of two police employees, and the legal fees incurred by the police related to the drafting of the contracts, are not exempt under the Act.

Deep River Police Services Board



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