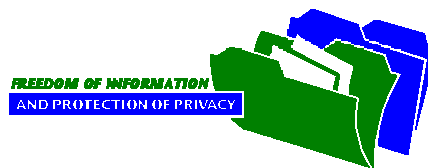


FOIP News

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Personal Information and Protection Act (PIPA)

The *Personal Information and Protection Act* (PIPA) received Royal Assent on December 4, 2003 and will come in force on January 1, 2004. This Act applies to private sector organizations operating in Alberta and protects the personal information of the public as well as the personal information of their employees held by those organizations. The Act does not apply to public bodies subject to the FOIP Act. The regulation under the Act was enacted on December 10, 2003.

Electronic versions of the Act and Regulation are provided in the Legislation section of the Private Sector Privacy Web site at www.psp.gov.ab.ca. A printed copy of the Act and Regulation in booklet form is expected to be available for purchase from the Alberta Queen's Printer by late January 2004.

FOIP Annual Report

The FOIP Annual Report 2002-2003 was tabled in the Legislature on December 2, 2003 and is available at www.gov.ab.ca/foip/annual_reports/pdf/foip2003.pdf.

New and Revised FOIP Publications

IMAP has been busy revising its current publications to reflect the changes made to the Act by the FOIP Amendment Act, 2003 and decisions reached by the IPC in relevant orders and Investigation Reports. As publications are finalized, they will be posted on the FOIP Web site. Check the Web site (www.gov.ab.ca/foip) for the most current version.

In addition to revising existing publications, IMAP has produced the following new publications:

- **Bulletin No. 13, Business Contact Information**

This bulletin discusses the collection, use and disclosure of business contact information public bodies, particularly in the context of section 40(1)(bb.1) of the FOIP Act. The bulletin is available in the Guidelines and Practices section of the FOIP web site at www.gov.ab.ca/foip/guidelines_practices/bulletins/pdf/bulletin13.pdf.

- **Bulletin No. 15, Disclosure of Personal Information to Unions: Before a First Agreement**

This bulletin discusses how the FOIP Act may apply to the disclosure of employee personal information to a union certified as the bargaining agent for the employees but where a collective agreement does not yet exist. The bulletin is available in the Guidelines and Practices section of the FOIP web site at www.gov.ab.ca/foip/guidelines_practices/bulletins/pdf/bulletin15.pdf.

OIPC Orders and Investigation Reports

Since the last newsletter, the following orders have been released by the OIPC that relate to local public bodies.

University of Calgary	F2002-027	October 16, 2003
Calgary Health Region	F2002-015	November 10, 2003

FOIP Training

The first FOIP training sessions for 2004 are January 27, 28, and 29 in Edmonton and April 20, 21, and 22 in Calgary. For more information and additional course dates please see the training calendar or contact Janet Cummings at (780) 415-2407 or e-mail janet.cummings@gov.ab.ca. The training calendar and registration form are available at www.gov.ab.ca/foip/other_resources/training/index.cfm.

Meeting Calendar

School Jurisdictions FOIP Network	January 30, 2004	Nisku
Municipal – Edmonton Regional FOIP Alliance	February 12, 2004	Sherwood Park
Health Sector Information Access and Privacy Network	March 8, 2004	Edmonton
Post-Secondary FOIP Network	April 2, 2004	Edmonton
Municipal - Central Alberta Network of Information Management	April 16, 2004	Ponoka

Did You Know...

... Jennifer Stoddart is the new Privacy Commissioner of Canada effective December 1, 2003.

... **Access & Privacy 2004 Conference** will be held June 9-11, 2004 at the Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel, in Edmonton. More information about the conference is available at www.govsource.net/programs/iapp/conference/main.nclk.

... **Security and Privacy: Friends, Foes or Partners.** A two-day conference being held February 11-12, 2004 at the Victoria Conference Centre in Victoria, B.C. The conference program and registration details are available at Reboot Communications Ltd. web site at www.rebootbc.com/privacy2004/index.htm.

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