

Public Information Forum on Ontario's proposed *Enhanced Driver's Licence* set for July 16, 2008

If Canadians want to enter the United States by air, they are currently required to present a Canadian passport. As of June 1, 2009, they will be required to have that passport – or an alternate identification device that the U.S. has deemed to be secure – to enter at land or sea entry points.

Ontario is one of several provinces that have announced their intention to implement an enhanced drivers' licence (EDL) as an alternative to a passport. Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner, Dr. Ann Cavoukian, has noted privacy issues to be addressed in such an EDL proposal.

On July 16, the Commissioner, together with Professor Andrew Clement, are sponsoring a public information forum at the University of Toronto to provide clarification about Ontario's proposed EDL.

"We want to facilitate the provision of clear factual information on the voluntary EDL initiative proposed in Ontario," said Commissioner Cavoukian. "The focus of this public information forum is to help the public understand the facts of the EDL proposal."

This forum will be held at the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, Claude T. Bissell Building, Room 205, 140 St. George Street, Toronto, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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