



The Information and Privacy  
Commissioner/Ontario

# *Mississauga & Brampton Educational Initiative*

**Your Access  
and  
Privacy Rights**

**November 19, 2002**

## **IPC's Educational Initiative**

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario (IPC) is an independent, expert agency that helps to ensure public access to government information and individual control over personal information.

One of the IPC's key mandates is to help Ontarians understand their rights under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The *Reaching Out to Ontario* program is an integral part of the IPC's varied communications strategy. Under this program, a team of speakers from the IPC visits four or five regions a year for a series of presentations.

The *Mississauga and Brampton Educational Initiative* on November 19 is the 12th such program. Presentations and discussion sessions are being held with a number of organizations.

Focal points include a presentation by Commissioner Ann Cavoukian to a special breakfast meeting of the Mississauga Board of Trade and a public information meeting being held at 7 that evening at the Mississauga Civic Centre.

**Tuesday, November 19, 2002**

**8:30 a.m.**

Commissioner Cavoukian will address the Mississauga Board of Trade on why protecting privacy makes good business sense. For more information about the meeting, contact the Board of Trade at 905-273-3524.

**9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

Staff members from the IPC's Tribunal Services department are making presentations to Grade 5 classes at three Brampton schools.

**12:00 noon**

John Swaigen of the IPC's Legal Services department is making a presentation on specific access and privacy issues to staff of Mississauga Community Legal Services.

**2:00 p.m.**

A team from the Tribunal Services department, led by Diane Frank and Mona Wong, is holding a seminar for Freedom of Information co-ordinators from municipalities, police services, school boards and other municipal government organizations across Peel Region and Toronto.

A team led by Assistant Commissioner Mitchinson is meeting with elementary school consultants from the Dufferin-Peel

Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board to discuss the Grade 5 teachers' guides created by the IPC with the assistance of education professionals.

**2:30 p.m.**

The team led by the Assistant Commissioner is meeting with secondary school consultants from the two school boards to discuss the Grade 10 and the Grade 11/12 teachers' guides created by the IPC.

**3:00 p.m.**

John Swaigen is making a presentation to the staff at the North Peel and Dufferin Community Legal Services office, in Brampton.

**4:00 p.m.**

The Assistant Commissioner and the IPC's communications co-ordinator, Bob Spence, are meeting with editors and reporters at the Mississauga News.

**7:00 p.m.**

A **public information meeting** — where you can learn about your access and privacy rights — is being held in Committee Room 'B' of the Mississauga Civic Centre, 300 City Centre Drive, on the second floor. **All are welcome.**

## Reaching Out

Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian and her office rely on a variety of communication methods to help inform Ontarians of their access and privacy rights.

In addition to special programs such as *Reaching Out to Ontario*, IPC outreach initiatives include:

- A varied public speaking program;
- A media relations program;
- A publications program including an annual report, a twice-yearly newsletter (*IPC Perspectives*), policy papers, best practices papers (*IPC Practices*), brochures and the *If you wanted to know...* series;
- An education program, including hands-on resources for teachers who deal with subjects related to access and/or privacy; and
- An information-packed Web site: <[www.ipc.on.ca](http://www.ipc.on.ca)>.

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