



The Information and Privacy  
Commissioner/Ontario

## *Niagara Region Educational Initiative*

### **Your Access and Privacy Rights**

**May 17, 2001**

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One of the key mandates of the Ontario Information and Privacy Commission 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*.

As well as publishing a wide array of brochures, policy papers and other publications; maintaining an informative Web site; and offering special teachers' kits to Grade 5 social studies teachers and Grade 10 civics teachers across the province, the IPC has a variety of speakers' programs.

Under, its *Reaching out to Ontario* program, the IPC sends a team of speakers to several different regions of Ontario each year. The 2001 *Niagara Region Educational Initiative* is the sixth such initiative since the program was launched in the fall of 1999.

A public information session, being held at St. Catharines' central library (54 Church Street) the evening of May 17, is a key part of this initiative. At this 7 p.m. meeting, a team from the IPC will briefly outline Ontario's provincial and municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation, explain the IPC's role as an oversight agency, and outline what your access and privacy rights are.

**Thursday, May 17, 2001**

#### **11 a.m.**

Assistant Commissioner Tom Mitchinson leads a team that is meeting with the editorial board of the *St. Catharines Standard*.

#### **Noon.**

A member of the IPC's legal department is making a presentation to Community Legal Services of Niagara South, in Welland.

#### **12:15 p.m.**

The Assistant Commissioner is being interviewed live during the *News at Noon* on CKTB-AM, St. Catharines.

#### **12:45 p.m.**

A member of the IPC's Tribunal Services Department is making a presentation to a Grade 5 class in Niagara Falls and will later make a presentation to a second class. This is part of the IPC's *Ask an Expert* program, an adjunct of its popular *What Students Need to Know About Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy* program. (Information about the IPC's education programs can be found on its Web site, [www.ipc.on.ca](http://www.ipc.on.ca).)

**Thursday, May 17, 2001**

**1 p.m.**

A team led by the Assistant Commissioner is meeting in Allanburg with history consultants from the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara District Catholic School Board re: the IPC's teachers' guide for Grade 10 civics.

**2 p.m.**

Freedom of Information and Privacy co-ordinators from municipalities, police departments, school boards, and other government organizations in Niagara, Haldimand and Norfolk have been invited to a special co-ordinators seminar that the IPC is holding in St. Catharines.

**2:30 p.m.**

The Assistant Commissioner leads a team that is meeting with members of the editorial board of the *Niagara Falls Review*.

**7 p.m.**

A public meeting, at which a team from the IPC will outline individuals' rights under Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation, is being held at the central branch of the St. Catharines Public Library, 54 Church Street.

**Reaching Out**

Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian and her office use a variety of methods to help keep Ontarians aware of their access and privacy rights.

As well as special programs such as *Reaching out to Ontario*, IPC outreach initiatives include:

- a varied public speaking program;
- a media relations program;
- a publications program that includes the annual report, a twice-yearly newsletter (*Perspectives*); policy papers, best practices, *IPC Practices*, and the *If you wanted to know...* series;
- teachers' kits (*What Students Need to Know about Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy*) tied to the Grade 5 Aspects of Government social studies program, and the new Grade 10 civics program;
- the IPC's Web site: [www.ipc.on.ca](http://www.ipc.on.ca)

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