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Ottawa and Eastern Ontario Educational Initiative

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Your Access and Privacy Rights

About the IPC's *Ottawa and Eastern Ontario Educational Initiative*

Under its *Reaching out to Ontario* program, the Ontario Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) sends a team of speakers to several different regions of Ontario each year.

The 2001 *Ottawa and Eastern Ontario Educational Initiative* is the fifth such initiative since the program was launched in the fall of 1999.

A public information session – being held at Ottawa's central library the evening of March 26 – is a key part of this initiative, as are three presentations at Ottawa universities and a seminar for Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinators from municipal organizations (cities and other municipalities, school boards, police services, library services, etc.) from Ottawa and other parts of eastern Ontario.

One of the core roles of the IPC is to help educate the public about Ontario's access and privacy laws and individuals' access and privacy rights. At the public information session, 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.

Schedule for:

March 26, 2001

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Ottawa Citizen

Commissioner Ann Cavoukian and the IPC's Director of Corporate Services and General Counsel, Ken Anderson, will meet with the editorial board of the *Ottawa Citizen* to discuss freedom of information and privacy issues.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Carleton University

The Commissioner will make a presentation to the university's systems and computer engineering students on the importance of protecting privacy when designing networks and Internet-based technology.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Public Meeting

A team from the IPC will hold an open public session on how to use Ontario's access and privacy laws to obtain information held by the government and protect your privacy. The presentation is free-of-charge and will be held in the auditorium of the Ottawa Public Library system's main branch, which is located at 120 Metcalfe Street (at Laurier).

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10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Co-ordinators session

A team from the IPC will lead a seminar at Ottawa City Hall for municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Co-ordinators from Ottawa and the eastern Ontario region.

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. University of Ottawa

Ken Anderson, Director of Corporate Services and General Counsel, will make a presentation to the Information Technology Law Society on Ontario's access and privacy legislation and its impact on the legal information technology area.

12:00 - 12:45 p.m. University of Ottawa

The Commissioner will address a special colloquium for faculty and graduate students of the Faculty of Administration on the importance of privacy in business.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. CBC Radio

The Commissioner will be interviewed live during a segment of the CBC Radio program, *Ontario Today*.

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, including:

- an extensive public speaking program (of which *Reaching out to Ontario* is a key part);
- a media relations program;
- a publications program that includes the annual report, a twice-yearly newsletter, policy papers, best practices, and a plethora of brochures, including a series of brochures that provide answers to common questions about access and privacy.
- an education program that includes special teachers' kits (*What Students Need to Know about Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy*) produced for the Grade 5 Aspects of Government social studies program, and the new Grade 10 Civics program;
- the IPC's Web site, which is loaded with information about access and privacy, and links to many other related Web sites

Its URL is: www.ipc.on.ca

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