



The Information and Privacy
Commissioner/Ontario

Sault Ste. Marie and Area Educational Initiative

**Your Access
and
Privacy Rights**

September 10–11, 2002

IPC's Educational Initiatives

The Office of Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario (IPC) was created to provide an independent review of the decisions and practices of provincial and municipal government organizations concerning access and privacy.

One of its 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*. In the near future, the Ontario government is expected to introduce legislation to protect privacy in the health and private sectors.

Under its *Reaching Out to Ontario* program, the IPC sends a team of speakers to several different regions of Ontario each year. The 2002 *Sault Ste. Marie and Area Educational Initiative* is the eleventh such program.

The focal point of this trip will be a **public information session** in the Russ Ramsay Room on the third floor of the Sault Ste Marie Civic Centre (99 Foster Drive) at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 10. An IPC team 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 your right to access government information and your right to have your privacy protected.

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

At various times, excerpts from John Campbell's interview with Assistant Commissioner Tom Mitchinson will air on radio stations Easy Rock (FM 100.5) and Q104 (FM 104.3).

12:00 p.m.

The Assistant Commissioner will be interviewed live during MCTV's noon-hour newscast.

A member of the IPC's Legal Department will make a presentation to the Algoma District Law Association.

2:00 p.m.

Two members of the IPC's Tribunal Services Department will conduct a seminar for Freedom of Information Co-ordinators from municipalities, police departments, school boards and other provincial and municipal institutions in the Sault area.

2:30 p.m.

An IPC team will meet with elementary school consultants from the Algoma District School Board and the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board to discuss the teachers' guides the IPC has created for Grade 5 teachers.

3:00 p.m.

An IPC team will meet with secondary school consultants from the two area school boards to discuss the teachers' guides the IPC has created for Grade 10 civics teachers and Grade 11/12 law teachers.

4:00 p.m.

The Assistant Commissioner and the IPC's communications co-ordinator will meet with the editorial board of the *Sault Star*.

7:00 p.m.

A **public information meeting** will be held in the Russ Ramsay Room at the Sault Ste. Marie Civic Centre (99 Foster Drive). An IPC team will outline the rights individuals have under Ontario's freedom of information and protection of privacy laws. **All are welcome.**

Wednesday, September 11

7:30 a.m.

The Assistant Commissioner will be the guest speaker at a breakfast meeting of the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce. (For more information, contact the Chamber at 705-949-7152.)

9:30 a.m.

Representatives from the IPC will make presentations to two local Grade 5 classes.

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*), 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 at <www.ipc.on.ca>.

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