



The Information and Privacy
Commissioner/Ontario

Sudbury & Area Educational Initiative

Your Access and Privacy Rights

September 24–25, 2001

One of the key mandates of the Ontario Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) 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 an extensive publishing program that includes brochures, policy papers and other publications; an informative Web site; and special teachers' kits for 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 *Sudbury & Area Educational Initiative* is the seventh such initiative since the program was launched in the fall of 1999.

A public information session, being held in the council chambers at Tom Davies Square (200 Brady Street) the evening of Monday, September 24, 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.

Monday, September 24, 2001

11:30 a.m.

A member of the IPC's legal department is making a presentation to the Sudbury Law Association.

Noon

Assistant Commissioner Tom Mitchinson is interviewed live during the noon news at Sudbury's CICI-TV.

2:00 p.m.

Freedom of Information and Privacy co-ordinators from municipalities, police departments, school boards, and other government organizations in Sudbury and North Bay have been invited to a special co-ordinators' seminar that the IPC is holding in Sudbury.

2:30 p.m.

The Assistant Commissioner leads a small team that will be meeting with social studies consultants from the Sudbury Catholic District School Board and the Rainbow District School Board to discuss the IPC's Grade 5 teachers' guide.

3:00 p.m.

A member of the IPC's legal department is making a presentation to the Sudbury Community Legal Clinic.

3:15 p.m.

A team led by the Assistant Commissioner meets with secondary school history consultants from the Sudbury Catholic District School Board and the Rainbow District School Board re: the teachers' guide the IPC developed for Grade 10 civics teachers.

4:20 p.m.

The Assistant Commissioner is interviewed live on Points North, CBC Radio.

7:00 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 in the council chambers at Tom Davies Square (200 Brady Street). Everyone is welcome.

A member of the IPC's legal department is making a presentation to a class at Laurentian University.

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

9:30 a.m.

Two members of the IPC's Tribunal Services Department are making presentations to Grade 5 classes at two Sudbury schools. 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 at www.ipc.on.ca.)

10:00 a.m.

The Assistant Commissioner leads an IPC team that is meeting with the editorial board of the *Sudbury Star*.

Noon

The Assistant Commissioner is the guest speaker at a special luncheon meeting of the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce. (For more information, contact Juliana Ornella of the Chamber at 705-673-7133, ext. 224.)

2:00 p.m.

The IPC's communications co-ordinator is making a presentation at Cambrian College to students from three different programs: journalism, public relations, and the records and information technology program.

Reaching Out

Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian and her office use a variety of methods to help inform Ontarians 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' guides (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



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