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COMMISSIONER HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK

VICTORIA—Right to Know Week is being celebrated across Canada and internationally from September 27 to October 1 this year. In British Columbia, the provincial government and numerous municipalities have proclaimed Right to Know Week in recognition of the principles of open and transparent government. Access to information ensures B.C. citizens have an opportunity to participate meaningfully in the democratic process.

Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham has a number of special events planned to highlight the importance of access to information. In particular, she will be promoting Open Government and routine pro-active disclosure as the optimal means to ensure efficient and cost-effective access.

Among the special events and activities for Right to Know Week are:

- Commissioner Denham is giving the keynote address at the BC Information Summit in Vancouver on Wednesday, September 29.
- Commissioner Denham is participating in a panel discussion about access issues at the Greater Victoria Public Library in downtown Victoria on Thursday, September 30th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
- An online Right to Know Quiz is posted on the website of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. The public is encouraged to participate and the winner will receive an Apple iPod Touch.
- Portfolio officers at the Commissioner's Office are speaking to a number of groups about access issues during Right to Know Week.

More information about Right to Know Week activities can be found on the website of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner at www.oipc.bc.ca.

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