



Minutes of the External Advisory Board
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for B.C.
August 27, 2014

Attendees

- Elizabeth Denham, Information and Privacy Commissioner
- Dr. Colin Bennett, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria
- Heather Black, former Assistant Privacy Commissioner for Canada
- Dr. Peter Chow-White, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University
- Dr. David Flaherty, former BC Information & Privacy Commissioner
- Drew McArthur, McArthur Consulting Group
- Jay Fedorak, Deputy Registrar/Assistant Commissioner, OIPC
- Cara McGregor, Director of Communications, OIPC

Regrets

- Dr. Ben Goold, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia
- Michael McEvoy, Deputy Commissioner, OIPC

Commissioner Denham expressed her appreciation for the input, support and contributions from the External Advisory Board over the past three years.

Agenda

Update on OIPC activities

Commissioner Denham provided Board members with an overview of the office's recent reports and current investigations. She also briefed the Board on her recent trip to Ottawa to meet Privacy Commissioner of Canada Daniel Therrien to discuss the MOU, joint activities and collaboration within FPT.

Deputy Registrar/Assistant Commissioner Jay Fedorak briefed the Board on a systemic examination of breach management under FIPPA.

Director of Communications Cara McGregor provided an overview of media coverage the office has received over the summer. The office received three IABC/BC Bronze Quill Awards of Excellence for the redesign of the OIPC website. In addition, the website was named a finalist for Strategy of the Year for the 2014 ViaTec awards.

Budget presentation for Fall 2014

Jay Fedorak led a discussion on the office's proposed strategy for the upcoming budget presentation to the Finance and Government Service Committee this Fall. The Board provided feedback on the strategy, which the OIPC will take into consideration.

File Management strategy

Jay Fedorak and Cara McGregor led a discussion on the OIPC's proposed file management strategy to address growing caseload pressures amid decreasing resources. The Board provided feedback and recommendations regarding the file management policy, which the OIPC will take into consideration.

EAB Protocol – Unsolicited Emails

Commissioner Denham led a discussion detailing how EAB members should respond to unsolicited emails received from complainants.

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PIPA review

Deputy Commissioner Michael McEvoy led a discussion on the upcoming PIPA review by a Special Committee of the Legislature, which will take place in the Fall. The Board reviewed the OIPC's initial submission and discussed elements for inclusion in the subsequent submission of the OIPC regarding PIPA reform.

42nd APPA Forum in Vancouver

Commissioner Denham briefed the Board on the upcoming meeting of the Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities Forum (APPA), which will be co-hosted by the OIPC and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada in Vancouver December 1-3, 2014. The Commissioner invited the Board to attend as observers for the open session, and also asked for them to consider how they might otherwise participate in the event.