

Announcement

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New training programs for municipalities to highlight Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Victoria, B.C.—The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia will partner with two privacy consulting firms to deliver full-day *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy* ("FIPPA") workshops for staff and elected officials of B.C. municipalities.

"I'm very pleased to support these training workshops," says B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham. "So much of my office's job is really about supporting the frontline access and privacy professional within their different organizations, and these workshops will do just that."

The Access to Information for Local Government workshop was specifically designed for a wide range of local government officials, including FIPPA coordinators, elected officials, department managers, communications staff, legal or regulatory officials, and information managers. This intensive session will provide detailed description and analysis of the legislative right of access standards, allowable exceptions, search and severing procedures, fees and response logistics, personal information access requests, requests for correction, and third party notices. For more information, contact: Rick Klumpenhouwer, Cenera, rick.klumpenhouwer@cenera.ca.

The **Privacy Awareness** workshop was designed for any municipal staff of local governments who deal with the public, including elected officials. This workshop will focus on the changing world of privacy, FIPPA requirements, accountable privacy management programs, privacy risk management, and how privacy relates to records management, information access, and other related programs. **For more information, contact:** Jay Loder, Rouleur Privacy Consulting, <u>jay@rouleurconsulting.com</u>.

Additional information about each event can be found at www.oipc.bc.ca