

# News Release

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# BC OIPC to investigate City of Richmond's use of high-resolution cameras at select intersections

**VICTORIA** – BC Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael Harvey has commenced an investigation into whether the City of Richmond's pilot project to install high-resolution cameras at select intersections is compliant with the privacy provisions set out in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA). The City initiated the pilot of the cameras in March 2025, sparking questions about the collection, use, disclosure, and protection of personally identifiable images of those who use the intersection.

The Commissioner will investigate whether the City:

- Is authorized to collect and use personal information to test the camera system;
- Notified individuals of the purposes and authority for collecting personal information through the camera system;
- Is authorized to disclose personal information collected during the pilot test; and
- Properly protected any personal information collected during the pilot test.

As this is an active investigation, no additional details are available at this time.

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