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Commissioner to review access to information practices of the City of Vancouver

VICTORIA—B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham will review the access to information practices of the City of Vancouver as it's next project in the Office's audit and compliance program.

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) launched its audit and compliance program in 2014. Two examinations have been completed under this program to date, including an examination of the privacy breach management practices of B.C. Health Authorities (September 2015) and the privacy breach management practices of the B.C. Government (January 2015).

Unlike the Commissioner's recent *Access Denied* report, which was initiated on the basis of complaints, projects under the audit and compliance program are proactive in nature and broad in scope. Targets are selected after an analysis of patterns in OIPC case files and other available information.

The City of Vancouver is the biggest municipality in British Columbia and therefore receives a large volume of access to information requests. OIPC annual reports confirm that, in four of the last five years, the City of Vancouver ranked among public bodies with the highest number of complaints and access to information appeals received by this Office.

A final report will be made public upon completion of the review. A timeline for this project has not yet been determined.

For more information about the audit and compliance program, including a program charter that describes the key steps in an OIPC compliance review, visit <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/report/audit-compliance/>

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