

## Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act Review Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting - February 14, 2003 @ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Minutes

**In attendance:** Peter O'Brien, Chair  
Jim Meek, Committee Member  
Susan Potts, Committee Member  
Bill Wilson, Committee Member

Bob Doherty, FOIPOP Coordinator - Technical Support  
Crystal Taylor, FOIPOP Admin Assistant - Technical Support

**Conference call:** Keith Corcoran, Committee Member

**Others:** Dean Jobb, Chronicle Herald; Amy Smith, Chronicle Herald; Jean Laroche, CBC Radio News; Murray Brewster, Canadian Press. (**For submission by Darce Fardy**); Mathew Young, FOIPOP Review Office; Darce Fardy, FOIPOP Review Officer.

#### 1) Submission by Review Officer Darce Fardy

- Mr. Fardy highlighted points made in his written submission (to be posted on the Advisory Committee Website location at N.S. Justice), and responded to questions from committee members. Following his submission, members of the media were advised that the next scheduled presentation was by Michel Samson of the Liberal Caucus Office at 1 p.m. .

#### 2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The minutes were approved and will be posted on the Advisory Committee location on the N.S. Justice Web Site.

#### 3) FOIPOP Video

- The FOIPOP Video "FOIPOP for Educators" was viewed

#### 4) Administrative Matters

##### a) Ad Placement

- It was noted that arrangements had been made for the ad requesting submissions to appear on: Saturday, February 15, 2003 in the Chronicle Herald; Sunday, February 15, 2003 in the Daily News; and Monday, February 16, 2003 in the Amherst Daily News.

#### **b) News Release**

- Ms. Taylor informed the committee that the news release linked to the ad placement had placed on the CNS news wire this morning as previously scheduled (Friday, February 14, 2003) on schedule.

#### **c) Web Site**

- Ms Taylor informed the committee that the Advisory Committee Section of the N.S. Justice Web site was operational as of this a.m. (Friday, February 14, 2003).

#### **d) Correspondence**

- Ms. Taylor indicated that letters to all individuals and organizations who had made submissions to the previous Advisory Committee in 1995-96 were sent letters from the chairman. She also noted that additional letters from the chairman inviting submissions were sent to other organizations as well. (**Note:** These included all the Regional District Health Authorities, Canadian Community Newspaper Association, Council of N.S. University Presidents, Canadian Association of Journalists, Atlantic Provinces Education Foundation, N.S. Federation of Labour, Atlantic Blue Cross Care, N.S. Progressive Conservative Party Caucus, Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia, N.S. Teachers Union).

#### **e) Budget**

- A tentative budget for the committee was circulated and a final budget will be posted following the approval of the overall budget of the Nova Scotia Government.

### **5) FOIPOP Process**

- Presentation on the provisions of the Act was postponed to the next meeting.

### **6) Liberal Caucus Office's Submission by Michel Samson, MLA and Allan MacAvoy**

- This had been scheduled for 1:00 p.m.- It was reported that Mr. Samson was stranded in Stewiacke as the highway was closed due to weather conditions. A copy of his submission had been provided to the committee, and it was agreed it would be forwarded to the Media. It was indicated that the media should be notified that the Liberal Caucus Office would not be appearing to speak to the committee because of the weather problems. It was agreed that the Liberal Caucus would be given the opportunity for follow-up discussions.

### **7) Next meeting**

- The next meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2003.

### **8) Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.