

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Meeting - July 15, 2003 @ 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### **Minutes**

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

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

#### **1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- The minutes of May 28, 2003 were approved with slight revisions.

#### **2) Other submissions received (NS FOIPOP Government Administrators and Bloomfield Neighborhood Residents Association)**

- There was considerable discussion on the submissions received by the NS FOIPOP Government Administrators and Bloomfield Neighborhood Residents Association.
- Mr. Doherty excused himself from the meeting while the committee discussed the NS FOIPOP Government Administrators submission.
- Please note, the committee member, Mrs. Susan Potts, was not involved in the preparation of the NS FOIPOP Government Administrators submission.
- It was agreed that the committee would seek further clarification on 9 recommendations purposed in the NS FOIPOP Government Administrators submission.

#### **3) Improving the FOIPOP application process other jurisdictions' approach**

- Deferred until next meeting

#### **4) Frivolous and vexatious requests**

- There was considerable discussion on what constitutes an application as frivolous and vexatious.
- It was requested that the committee be provided with examples of applications that would meet the criteria to be considered a frivolous and vexatious request.

#### **5) Fees**

- Deferred until next meeting

## 6) Consultations with Information Privacy Commissioners

- At the next meeting the committee will decide if consultations are required with the IPC's across the province.

## 7) Other Business

- The committee will review all references to "information" and "records" within the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation.
- The first meeting for August was scheduled for August 19, 2003 at 12:30
- If a committee member is unable to attend a meeting they will not be excluded from the process, the issue will be re-address if requested.
- **Note: The committee had some discussions on disclosure in the course of a public prosecution and disclosure in accordance to FOIPOP.**

## 8) Next meeting

- The next meeting was scheduled for July 29, 2003.

## 9) Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.