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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA)

FIPPA has two purposes: to make public bodies more accountable and to protect personal privacy.

- Provides for access to information;
- Regulates the collection, use and disclosure of personal information.
- Provides for independent oversight (me!)



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA)

Two topics to discuss this morning:

1. Collection and disclosure of personal information at public meetings; and
2. Disclosure of personal information to senior officers and elected officials.

PUBLIC MEETINGS



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- 1. VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEETS**
 - 2. POSTING VIDEOS ONLINE**

1. VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEETS

Protection of personal information

30 A public body must protect personal information in its custody or under its control by making reasonable security arrangements against such risks as unauthorized access, collection, use, disclosure or disposal.

Are these sign in sheets necessary?

Could this information be limited to speakers?



2. POSTING VIDEOS ONLINE

CONSENT

Disclosure inside or outside Canada

33.1 (1) A public body may disclose personal information referred to in section 33 inside or outside Canada as follows:

(b) if the individual the information is about has identified the information and consented, in the prescribed manner, to its disclosure inside or outside Canada, as applicable;



2. POSTING VIDEOS ONLINE

CONSENT

Disclosure inside or outside Canada with consent

Consent must be:

1. Informed; and
2. voluntary



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CONSENT

Disclosure inside or outside Canada with consent

Voluntary means you must provide a meaningful alternative



2. POSTING VIDEOS ONLINE RECOMMENDATION

1. Reserve a section of the room that will never be filmed where attendees can choose to sit.
2. Reserve a portion of the meeting to be off-camera, so any individual who wishes to engage with council does not have to be filmed.



2. POSTING VIDEOS ONLINE

Alternatively...



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Seek a legislative amendment.



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OTHER ENACTMENT

Disclosure inside or outside Canada

33.1 (1) A public body may disclose personal information referred to in section 33 inside or outside Canada as follows:

(c) in accordance with an enactment of British Columbia, other than this Act, or Canada that authorizes or requires its disclosure;



2. POSTING VIDEOS ONLINE

OTHER ENACTMENT

Disclosure inside or outside Canada in accordance with an enactment

Determine whether it is within the jurisdiction of the local government to pass a bylaw authorizing disclosure on the internet.

or

Seek amendments to the *Local Government Act* or the *Community Charter* to authorize such a bylaw

NOTE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS





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Disclosure inside Canada only

33.2 A public body may disclose personal information related to in section 33 inside Canada as follows:

(c) to an officer or employee of the public body or to a minister, if the information is necessary for the performance of the duties of the officer, employee or minister;

THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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