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Public input wanted on B.C.'s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

VICTORIA—An all-party Special Committee of the Legislature is seeking public input into its review of B.C.'s public sector access to information and privacy legislation.

The Special Committee to Review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* announced on July 29 that it is seeking written, audio and video submissions from individuals and organizations as they undertake a comprehensive review of the Act.

This will mark the fourth statutory review of the legislation, which promotes openness and transparency in the public sector by giving individuals rights to records in the custody or control of public bodies, and privacy protection rules regarding the collection, use, disclosure, storage, and retention of personal information by public bodies.

Public hearings will take place in Victoria on Oct. 9, 2015, in Vancouver on Oct. 16, 2015, and Nov. 9, 2015, and by videoconference in Nelson and Prince George on Nov. 18, 2015.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. The Committee will submit a report to the Legislative Assembly on or before May 27, 2016.

To learn more, visit the committee website at: <http://www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/foi>.