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PRIVACY COMMISSIONER CREATES EXPERT ACCESS AND PRIVACY ADVISORY BOARD

VICTORIA — Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham has created the first Expert External Advisory Board for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. The advisory board will provide support to the commissioner in her role under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Personal Information Protection Act.

“The creation of this board is a tangible demonstration of the value I place on increasing the capacity of my office through collaboration with stakeholders,” the commissioner said. “Most of the staff are fully utilized resolving important access disputes and privacy complaints. I want to enhance the office’s other vital responsibilities such as public education, policy work, research and providing expert guidance to public and private sector agencies on transparency and the protection of privacy.”

The advisory board represents a variety of stakeholders: advocates, academics, business leaders and former commissioners. These individuals will assist Denham by identifying emerging technical and managerial issues affecting access and privacy; bringing forward information concerning the administration of both acts and identifying subject matters requiring further outreach or research.

“The support of this group will allow us to focus attention on critically important policy and public education issues,” the commissioner said.

The members of the board are:

- Dr. Colin Bennett, department of political science, University of Victoria
- Heather Black, former assistant privacy commissioner for Canada
- Drew McArthur, McArthur Group (former vice president, corporate affairs and compliance, Telus Communications)
- Dr. David Flaherty, former B.C. information and privacy commissioner
- Dr. Ben Goold, faculty of law, University of British Columbia
- Dirk Ryneveld, QC, former B.C. police complaints commissioner

Biographies of the members of the board are on the attached backgrounder. For more information about us, please visit: www.oipc.bc.ca

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Bios of board members follow

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Dr. Colin Bennett, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria—Colin Bennett received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Wales, and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Since 1986 he has taught in the Department of Political Science at the University of Victoria, where he is now Professor. From 1999-2000, he was a fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. In 2007, he was a Visiting Fellow at the Center for the Study of Law and Society at University of California, Berkeley. In 2010, he was visiting professor at the School of Law, University of New South Wales.

Dr. Bennett's research has focused on the comparative analysis of surveillance technologies and privacy protection policies at the domestic and international levels. In addition to numerous scholarly and newspaper articles, he has published five books, including *The Privacy Advocates: Resisting the Spread of Surveillance* (The MIT Press, 2008), and policy reports on privacy protection for Canadian and international agencies. He is currently the co-investigator of a large Major Collaborative Research Initiative grant entitled "The New Transparency: Surveillance and Social Sorting."



Heather Black, former Assistant Privacy Commissioner for Canada—Born and raised in Montreal, Heather Black is a graduate in English from Sir George Williams (now part of Concordia University) and in common law from McGill. Ms. Black was called to the Ontario Bar in 1976 and joined the Department of Justice that same year. She practised law with Justice specializing in commercial and information and privacy law until 2000 when she moved to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. Ms. Black has extensive experience in information and privacy law beginning in 1982 when she worked on the implementation of the federal *Access to Information and Privacy Acts*.

In the mid-nineties, she began work with Stephanie Perrin on the project that led to the drafting and passage of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)* in 2000.

Ms. Black was appointed General Counsel at the federal Office of the Privacy Commissioner in 2001 and subsequently appointed Assistant Commissioner with primary responsibility for private sector privacy. In that capacity, she was active in work at the OECD and APEC. Ms. Black retired in 2007 and undertakes consulting work. She is co-author with Perrin, Flaherty and Rankin of *The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act: an Annotated Guide* published in 2001 by Irwin Law. She lives in Ottawa with her Norwich terrier Rufus.



Dr. Ben Goold, Faculty of law, University of British Columbia—Benjamin Goold joined the UBC Faculty of Law as an Associate Professor in January 2010. From 2003 to 2009, he was a lecturer at the University of Oxford Faculty of Law and a Fellow in Law at Somerville College, where he taught criminal law, criminology, and torts. Prior to taking up his post at Oxford, he taught law at the University of Niigata in Japan and criminology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. He has been a visiting researcher at the Max-Planck-Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg, Germany and at the Centre de Recherches Sociologiques sur les

Droits et Institutions Pénales in Paris.

Dr Goold holds degrees in law and economics from the University of Tasmania as well as a BCL and doctorate from the University of Oxford where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. His major research interests include privacy rights, the use of surveillance technologies by the police and intelligence communities, and the rhetoric and language of human rights. He is the author of numerous works on privacy, surveillance, and security, including *CCTV and Policing* (Oxford University Press; shortlisted for the British Criminology Book Prize in 2005) and *Security and Human Rights* (Hart Publishing; edited with Liora Lazarus). Among his more recent publications are works on the social and political dimensions of privacy, the role of privacy enhancing technologies (PETS) in the regulation of public and private sector surveillance, and the relationship between human rights and constitutional responsibilities. He is currently in the process of completing a book on surveillance for Routledge and is also working with Ian Loader and Angelica Thumala to produce a book about the private security industry.



Dr. David Flaherty, former B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner—Dr. Flaherty is a specialist in the management of privacy and information policy issues. As the first B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner, he wrote 320 orders under the *B.C. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and pioneered the development of privacy impact assessments and site visits as forms of privacy compliance auditing.

Dr. Flaherty is an Honours graduate of McGill University (1962) with an MA and Ph.D. from Columbia University. His teaching career from 1965 to 1993 included Princeton University, the University of Virginia and the University of Western Ontario where he was professor of history and law from 1972 to 1999 and is now professor emeritus. He was the first director (1984-89) of its Centre for American Studies and has held fellowships and scholarships at Harvard, Oxford, Stanford, and Georgetown Universities. In 1992-93, Dr. Flaherty was a Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC and a Canada-U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Law. He was an adjunct professor in political science at the University of Victoria from 1999 to 2006. He is a member of the External Advisory Committee to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and has been the Chief Privacy Advisor to the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

Dr. Flaherty has written several books, including 'Privacy in Colonial New England' and 'Protecting Privacy in Surveillance Societies: The Federal Republic of Germany, Sweden, France, Canada, and the United States'. He co-authored 'Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act: An Annotated Guide' and 'Guidelines for Managing Privacy, Data Protection and Security for Ontario Hospitals'.



Drew McArthur, McArthur Group (former Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Compliance, Telus Communications)

Drew McArthur was formerly Vice President Corporate Affairs and Chief Compliance Officer for TELUS Communications, Canada's second largest telecommunications provider. As Chief Compliance Officer, he was responsible for legal and regulatory compliance for all of TELUS' operations, reporting to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. The responsibilities of this role included ensuring TELUS had the appropriate controls, policies and measurements in place to be compliant with many areas of law and regulation, including CRTC regulations, insider trading, competition law, privacy and record retention.

A major part of the Chief Compliance Officer role for TELUS was that of privacy officer. Mr. McArthur was accountable for the development and implementation of TELUS' privacy policy, which has been independently recognized as an industry-leading policy. As part of his privacy officer role, he was involved in fostering a greater understanding of the practical applications of Canada's private sector privacy legislation.

He was a founding member of the Canadian Council of Chief Privacy Officers operating in conjunction with the Conference Board of Canada and was a long-standing member of their executive committee. In 2004, Mr. McArthur Drew founded a cross-industry networking association in British Columbia to assist privacy practitioners in B.C. with understanding the implications of private sector privacy legislation. In 2006, he worked with the International Association of Privacy Professionals, an international organization dedicated to privacy education, to develop the Canadian professional certification program, and was the first individual to achieve the designation of Certified International Privacy Professional of Canada (CIPP/C).

Since leaving TELUS, Mr. McArthur has worked with a variety of clients assisting them with strategic initiatives, policy development and practical solutions for managing their business.



Dirk Ryneveld, Q.C. former B.C. Police Complaints Commissioner—

Mr. Ryneveld joined the law firm of McConnan, Bion, O'Connor & Peterson law practice as Associate Counsel in June 2009 after a six-year term as Police Complaint Commissioner for BC. Prior to that, he was a senior prosecuting trial attorney from 1999 – 2003 at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia at the Hague (ICTY) as lead counsel for the prosecution of the Kosovo component of the Slobodan Milosevic trial along with other war crimes cases. He has appeared at all levels of court in British Columbia and the Supreme Court of Canada as deputy regional Crown counsel from 1974 – 1999 when he was in charge of the Major

Crime Prosecution Unit for Vancouver Island with the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Mr. Ryneveld has frequently lectured on international criminal law at conferences in Europe and in Canada and also trained and instructed Iraqi judges on international criminal law in Dubai on behalf of the International Bar Association. He is currently in private practice in Victoria with a varied general practice with an emphasis on civil litigation, administrative law, police law, and personal injury law. He is a member of the International Association of Prosecutors, past two-term president of the Canadian Association of Civilian Oversight Law Enforcement and a past elected representative of the Canadian Bar Association for Victoria.