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Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael McEvoy calls on government to bring InBC Investment Corp. under access to information legislation

VICTORIA – BC Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael McEvoy is urging the provincial government to bring its proposed InBC Investment Corp. (InBC) under BC’s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA).

On April 27, 2021 the BC government introduced legislation to create InBC, a crown corporation that will be charged with managing \$500 million in public funds aimed at investing in BC’s business and innovation sectors.

The government has yet to decide whether InBC will be subject to FIPPA.

“There can be no doubt that, despite its investment independence from government—an independence shared by other public bodies covered by FIPPA—the public’s trust of InBC will depend upon its ongoing transparency and accountability. The public’s right of access to information under FIPPA, tempered by exceptions that can appropriately protect InBC’s and third-party interests, is vitally important to achieving and keeping that trust,” said Commissioner McEvoy.

The letter to Ministers Kahlon and Beare can be found on the OIPC website at <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/news-releases/3540>

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