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**Commissioner to release access to information application fee six-month review**

**VICTORIA**—On Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 10:00 am, Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael McEvoy will release a report reviewing the implementation and administration of the \$10 application fee for access requests for general records.

In November 2021, the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) was amended to permit, for the first time, public bodies to charge an application fee for access to general records. The BC Government was selected for the main focus of this investigation because they were the first to apply the fee.

The report will be available for download from the OIPC website at <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/reports/investigation-and-audit-reports/>

A news release will be issued summarizing the report.

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