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Liberal Party of Canada confirms it has stopped use of facial recognition technology for identification purposes in nomination races in BC

VICTORIA— The Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) confirmed that it has voluntarily stopped using facial recognition technology (FRT) for identification purposes in nomination races in British Columbia. In light of this, Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael McEvoy has discontinued the investigation into whether the LPC’s use of this technology is compliant with BC’s *Personal Information Protection Act*.

The “automated ID verification” method was used to verify individuals participating in nominations in the 2021 federal election. The LPC confirmed that all personal information collected by this method was automatically deleted within days of collection. The LPC has agreed to consult with relevant regulators before considering future use of the technology.

A decision to discontinue an investigation does not constitute a finding of the Commissioner.

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