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**Statement from Information and Privacy Commissioner on  
Right to Know Week**

**VICTORIA**—BC Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael McEvoy released the following statement in recognition of Right to Know Week, Sept. 25 to Oct. 1, 2023:

“I am very pleased to join my colleagues around the world in celebrating Right to Know Week, an event that highlights the right to access government records and the essential role of access to information in our democracy,” says McEvoy. “On this occasion, I urge public bodies to commit to an environment of transparency in the year to come, to open the door to government records whenever possible.”

“As we prepare to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of British Columbia’s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA), government transparency remains critically important. And the right to know is one of the most fundamental of our democratic rights.

During the month of October, staff from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for BC will travel throughout the province, offering workshops about the province’s access and privacy legislation, including information about the requirements for public bodies that came into force as a result of the 2021 amendment to FIPPA. “We’ve had a tremendous response to these six events, which will take place in the province’s major centres,” says McEvoy.

For more information about Right to Know Week, including events happening across Canada, visit [righttoknow.ca](https://righttoknow.ca).

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