

## *Announcement*

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### **Have your say: Commissioner announces seven-city public consultation tour**

**VICTORIA** – BC Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael Harvey will visit seven cities throughout British Columbia in May to gather public feedback as part of the office’s strategic planning process.

The Commissioner will host public forums in Prince George, Smithers, Victoria, Kamloops, Kelowna, Abbotsford and Vancouver (see dates and times for each location below).

#### **Purpose of the consultations**

Transparency and accountability span the mandates of the OIPC and ORL and are critically important to building trust at a time of increasing polarization, growing mistrust in institutions and transformative changes in technology that put people’s privacy at risk.

“These forums will offer an opportunity for people in British Columbia to learn more about the mandates of the OIPC and ORL, and to let us know what matters most to them when it comes to privacy protection, access to information, and lobbying transparency,” said BC Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael Harvey. “The feedback we receive at these forums will be essential to having our strategic direction reflect the priorities of the people we serve.”

All inputs will be considered as part of our strategic plan, which will be released in the fall of 2025.

#### **Locations/dates and times**

##### **Prince George**

May 14  
9am-11am

##### **Smithers**

May 15  
9am-11am

##### **Victoria**

May 21  
9am-11am

**Kamloops**

May 26  
9am-11am

**Kelowna**

May 27  
9am-11am

**Abbotsford**

May 28  
1pm-3pm

**Vancouver**

May 30  
9:30am-11:30am

**Registration**

[Please register for a session in your area here](#)

While these sessions are open to the public, seating is limited. Please register one week in advance of the presentation date.

**Written feedback**

Those unable to join in person are encouraged to submit **written feedback** on priority areas for OIPC/ORL attention to: [OIPCTraining@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:OIPCTraining@oipc.bc.ca)

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