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***ATIPPA* Review Committee Presents Report to Minister**

The *ATIPPA* Review Committee presented its final report to Government today. Committee members Clyde Wells and Doug Letto delivered the report to the Minister Responsible for the Office of Public Engagement, the Hon. Steve Kent, this afternoon. The final report comprises two volumes – an Executive Summary and the Full Report.

The report contains 90 recommendations and draft legislation, which the Committee considers to be responsive to former Premier Marshall’s expressed desire that the province have “a strong statutory framework for access to information and protection of privacy, which when measured against international standards, will rank among the best.”

Government announced the establishment of the Review Committee in March of 2014 and Committee Members Clyde Wells (Chair), Doug Letto and Jennifer Stoddart commenced their work in early April.

The terms of reference directed the Committee to complete an independent comprehensive review of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, including amendments made as a result of Bill 29, and to engage citizens and stakeholders in a meaningful way, and consider standards and leading practices in access to information and protection of privacy in other jurisdictions.

The Committee received 69 expressions of interest from individuals and organizations. 51 made written submissions to the Committee. Thirty-six individuals participated in the public hearings which were held during June, July and August. The Information and Privacy Commissioner and his staff attended all public hearings and greatly contributed to the review process.

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