



PRESS RELEASE

July 18, 2014

ATIPPA Review Committee Public Hearings Reconvened Committee to hear from Centre for Law and Democracy

The ATIPPA Review Committee will reconvene public hearings in St. John's, NL on July 22, 23, and 24 and continue again on August 18, 19, 20 and 21, if required. The August hearings will be the final public hearings for the ATIPPA Review Committee. The Committee will continue to receive written submissions from citizens and stakeholders up to August 31, 2014.

During the July hearings, the Committee will receive presentations from a number of private citizens, and will hear from Mr. Dwight Ball, the Leader of the Official Opposition. Among other things, Mr. Ball will speak about the experiences of the Official Opposition in making requests under the Act.

Mr. Michael Karanicolas with the Centre for Law and Democracy will also make a presentation to the Committee in July. "The Committee looks forward to hearing from the Centre for Law and Democracy and gaining insight from its experience with access to information legislation development and implementation within Canada, and access to information laws globally," said Clyde Wells, Committee Chair.

In August, a number of private citizens and public bodies, including Memorial University and Eastern Health will make presentations to the Committee. On August 18, the Committee will hear from Ms. Suzanne Legault, the Information Commissioner of Canada. "Her knowledge of and experience with access to information issues in all Canadian jurisdictions will be particularly beneficial," Mr. Wells said.

Members of the public are invited to attend the hearings and can also view the live webcast at www.parcnl.ca. Public hearings will be held in the Cabot Room of the Ramada hotel at 102 Kenmount Road in St. John's. Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, hearings will start each day at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m.

A schedule of the public hearings can be found on the Committee's website. Presentations and written submissions brought forward at the public hearings will be posted to the Committee's website at the end of each hearing day.

The Committee was established by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to conduct an independent review of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, including amendments made under Bill 29. Committee members are Clyde Wells (Chair), Jennifer Stoddart and Doug Letto.

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Schedule of Public Hearings
Independent Statutory Review Committee
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Newfoundland and Labrador

Ramada (Cabot Room), 102 Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL

Date / Time		Individual / Organization Presenting
Tuesday, July 22, 2014		
	9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks from the Chair
1	10:00 a.m.	Mr. Dwight Ball, Leader of the Official Opposition (Member of the House of Assembly, Humber Valley)
Wednesday, July 23, 2014		
2	2:00 p.m.	Mr. Gavin Will, Municipal Councillor
3	3:00 p.m.	Mr. Peter Whittle, Private Citizen
Thursday, July 24, 2014		
4	9:30 a.m.	Mr. Michael Karanicolas, Centre for Law and Democracy
	12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
5	2:00 p.m.	Mr. Barry Tilley, Dicks & Co.
6	3:00 p.m.	Mr. Terry Burry, Private Citizen