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Search Committee Recommends Jill Clayton to be Information and Privacy Commissioner

Edmonton—The all-party Select Special Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee has recommended the appointment of Jill Clayton, BA, MEdes as Alberta's third Information and Privacy Commissioner.

“Over the course of her career in the privacy sector Ms. Clayton has filled several leadership roles including Assistant Commissioner for Alberta,” said Len Mitzel, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat and search committee chair. “Her varied expertise in the privacy field has served her well thus far and I'm sure will continue to do so in her new role.”

Her most recent role has been in managing the Privacy and Freedom of Information Department for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

Ms. Clayton began her career with Alberta's Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) in 2004 as a portfolio officer with the team responsible for ensuring oversight and compliance with Alberta's *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA). She served as acting director, PIPA from 2007 to 2008, and Director, PIPA from 2008 to 2011. In June of 2010 Ms. Clayton was appointed Assistant Commissioner, responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of amendments to PIPA, particularly mandatory breach notification requirements.

Prior to her service with the OIPC, Ms. Clayton worked as a privacy consultant, providing services to public and private sector clients, primarily in the health care, oil and gas, telecommunications and nonprofit sectors. She also worked for the Bethany Care Society as Manager, Planning and Performance Measurement from 2001 to 2002 and Records Management Co-ordinator from 1998 to 2000.

Ms. Clayton was born in Calgary and holds degrees in History (BA) and Environmental Design (MEdes Planning) from the University of Calgary.

A nonpartisan officer of the Legislature, the Information and Privacy Commissioner has the requisite authority to perform the broad range of responsibilities, duties and functions prescribed in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Health Information Act*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

The committee will submit its report containing the recommendation to the Legislative Assembly this afternoon for consideration.

The search committee received a total of 33 applications for the position.

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