



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ATIPPA Review Update**

The ATIPPA Review Committee, established by Government in March of this year, will complete a preliminary draft of its report by mid-November. In an update on the Review Committee's work, chair Clyde Wells said the report and completed draft amendments should be finalized by the end of November.

The report, which will be produced in two volumes, will require an additional three to four weeks for layout and final production. It will be presented to the Minister responsible for the Office of Public Engagement no later than early January.

"The Committee has consulted widely and that will be reflected in the contents of the final report," Wells said. "We were asked to review the entire Act, including amendments made as a result of Bill 29, to consult with the public and to research leading Canadian and international practices in access to information and protection of privacy."

Of the 70 expressions of interest received from individuals and organizations, 51 made written submissions to the Review Committee. Ten days of public hearings were held in June, July and August, and 36 individuals participated. The Committee was mandated to consult with the Newfoundland and Labrador Information and Privacy Commissioner on concerns about the existing legislative provisions and key issues. The Commissioner made the opening and closing presentations at the public hearings. His office provided a written submission in mid-June, along with two supplementary documents in response to matters raised at the hearings and in other written submissions.

Mr. Wells emphasized that "a key aspect of the Committee's work is to identify ways to make the Act more user-friendly so that it is well understood by those who use it and can be interpreted and applied consistently."

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