

# The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

## Access to Information and Privacy

**Interested in getting access to records or concerned about the privacy of your information?**



# Manitoba Ombudsman

Upholding Your Information Access and Privacy Rights

## *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*

FIPPA provides you with a right of access to certain records held by public bodies and controls how information about you should be handled by public bodies.

### The Ombudsman

The Ombudsman may be able to investigate your complaint about:

- access to information, if you have difficulty getting access to the records you want from the public body
- privacy of your personal information, if you think that it has not been managed properly by the public body

FIPPA gives the Ombudsman the power to investigate your complaints.

The Ombudsman is an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly (the provincial politicians elected by the public). The Ombudsman is not part of any government department or agency, and the Ombudsman is not considered a public body under FIPPA.

## Which public bodies are covered by FIPPA?

- Provincial government departments and agencies
- Executive Council (Cabinet)
- City of Winnipeg
- Other municipal governments
- Local government districts, planning districts and conservation districts
- School divisions and districts
- Universities and colleges
- Regional health authorities and hospitals

Public bodies do not include:

- the office of a Member of the Legislative Assembly who is not a minister
- the office of an officer of the Legislative Assembly
- the Court of Appeal, the Court of Queen's Bench or the Provincial Court

Other brochures in this series:

*The Ombudsman Act: Fair Treatment by Government:* Concerned that an action or decision of the provincial government or a municipal government has been unfair?

*The Personal Health Information Act: Access to Personal Health Information and Privacy:* Interested in getting access to your personal health information or concerned about the privacy of your personal health information?

*The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act: Disclosure of Wrongdoing:* Do you believe that a serious wrongdoing has been committed in the provincial government?

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