

RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK 2012 DID YOU KNOW?

1. Did you know Nova Scotia was the first province in Canada to enact a Freedom of Information Act in 1977?
2. Did you know that Nova Scotia's access to information legislation has been described by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court as the 'legislation deliberately more generous to its citizens and is intended to give the public greater access to information that might otherwise be contemplated in the other provinces and territories in Canada'?
3. Did you know that you have the right to request any information held municipal/provincial government?
4. Did you know that, in 2009, the Government of Nova Scotia reduced the application fee for general information from \$25 to \$5?
5. Did you know that there is no fee for requesting your personal information?
6. Did you know that there is no fee for filing a Request for Review?
7. Did you know that the Supreme Court of Canada has recognized access to information as a "quasi-constitutional" right?
8. Did you know that Nova Scotia's FOIPOP Act was enacted with the specific purposes of facilitating informed public participation in policy formulation, ensuring fairness in government decision-making, and permitting the airing and reconciliation of divergent views?
9. Did you know that reporters often use the FOIPOP Act to source out information that they use to inform the public about things that might not been otherwise known? The public can do this too.