

# LA FOIP Sound Bytes

## Webinar for cities, towns, villages, rural municipalities, etc.

### **Subjects:**

- Publishing utility information
- Personal information in a report about an adverse event



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Saskatchewan Information  
and Privacy Commissioner

# In this webinar

- Mayors, reeves, councillors, etc., will be referred to as elected officials
- Cities, towns, villages, resort villages, hamlets and rural municipalities will be referred to as local authorities or public bodies

Can my local authority publish  
utility information on its  
website? (total revenue, number  
of residential accounts, total  
kilowatts)

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- Personal information is defined in subsection 23(1) of [LA FOIP](#)
- Personal information must be about an *identifiable individual*
- Personal information includes:
  - information that relates to financial transactions in which the individual has been involved [s. 23(1)(b)]
  - any identifying number such as an account number [s. 23(1)(d)]
  - the home or business address of an individual [s. 23(1)(e)]
  - information that describes an individual's finances, liabilities, net worth, bank balance, financial history or activities or credit worthiness [23(1)(j)]

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- Further reading:
  - [IPC Review Report 033-2017](#)

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- Personal information is defined in subsection 23(1) of [LA FOIP](#)
- Personal information includes:
  - employment history of an individual [s. 23(1)(b)]
  - information that relates to the health history of the individual [s. 23(1)(c)]
- A local authority can choose to withhold personal information of an elected official pursuant to subsection 28(1) of LA FOIP unless there is a reason to disclose under 28(2) or [the Regulations](#)

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- Section 8 of LA FOIP provides:
  - “Where a record contains information to which an applicant is refused access, the head shall give access to as much of the record as can reasonably be severed without disclosing the information to which the applicant is refused access.”



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- **Further reading**

- [IPC Blog – Severing](#)
- [IPC Webinar - Modern Age Severing Made A Lot Easier](#)
- [IPC Resource - IPC Guide to Exemptions \(IPC Guide to FOIP/IPC Guide to LA FOIP\)](#)
- [IPC Resource: Best Practices for Responding to Access Requests](#)

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