



Office of the  
Saskatchewan Information  
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# Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner Tables 2021-2022 Annual Report

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Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, Ronald J. Kruzeniski, Q.C., has tabled his office's [2021-2022 Annual Report: Time for a Digital ID](#), with the Legislative Assembly.

In his report, the Commissioner addresses the need for the development of a Digital ID for Saskatchewan residents, the move toward virtual health care, the systemic issue of misdirected faxes and recommendations for legislative change.

## Digital ID

As several other Canadian provinces shift towards the use of a digital ID, it is the hope that Saskatchewan develops a digital ID that meets the needs of our province. Commissioner Kruzeniski states:

“I would hope the Government of Saskatchewan continues to consult, educate and explain the benefits of a digital ID for citizens of our province. My hope is that Saskatchewan develops a digital ID that meets our province’s needs, maximizes the benefits and minimizes the risks.”

## Virtual Health Care

Virtual health care has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and consideration is required to ensure that personal health information is adequately protected. Commissioner Kruzeniski outlines ten expectations that should be considered as these virtual care initiatives move forward.

## Spotlight on Misdirected Faxes

Over the last decade, there has been concerns with misdirected faxes which continues to be a systemic issue impacting patient privacy and the delivery of patient care. Several recommendations have been made to collectively address this concern including the elimination of traditional fax machines.

## Recommendations for Change

The Commissioner concluded by summarizing the recommendations for legislative change to amend *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and*

*Protection of Privacy Act* and *The Health Information Protection Act*. The goal is that these recommendations will address the gaps and challenges with the legislation as we move from a paper-based society to a digital one.

The Commissioner's 2021-2022 Annual Report which includes: accomplishments, goals for the future, a thorough statistical report and recommendations for the development of a digital ID, virtual care initiatives, handling of misdirected faxes and legislative change can be viewed [here](#).

A video containing the Commissioner's comments on the Annual Report can be viewed [here](#).

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