

RIGHT TO KNOW



“Truth never damages a cause that is just.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

“It is only when the access right becomes a foundational right and principle, like the respect of our official languages is now ingrained in our society, that Canada will reassert its leadership in an open and transparent government that is a model for all democratic nations.”

- Information Commissioner of Canada, Caroline Maynard – February 2018

10 Basic principles on the right of access to information announced by the Open Justice Society Initiative in 2005.

40 Countries now marking international Right to Know Day.



100 countries with right-to-know legislation.



60 non-governmental organizations also marking international Right to Know Day.

1766

Sweden becomes the first country in the world to introduce freedom-of-information rules.

1977

Nova Scotia becomes the first province in Canada to introduce its own access-to-information legislation.

1983

Coming into force of the federal *Access to Information Act*.

2002

International Right to Know Day is established in Sofia, Bulgaria.

2006

Right to Know Week is first celebrated in Canada.

2011

Open Government Partnership is created and includes 79 countries.

2019

The federal *Access to Information Act* was amended by Parliament, in particular to give the Commissioner order-making powers.