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Memorandum

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Subject: Proclamation of the Access to Information Act and Regulations

The Access to Information Act (ATIA) was proclaimed on June 11, 2025, along with its regulations. With the proclamation of the ATIA and its regulations, the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy* (FOIP) Act has officially been repealed.

There are two regulations that establish the administrative and procedural requirements of the ATIA:

- Access to Information Regulation, authorized by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, which
 integrates access to information related provisions from the FOIP Regulation and incorporates new
 and revised provisions to provide clarity and outline additional information to support the updated
 legislative requirements under the ATIA.
- Designation of Public Bodies Regulation, under the authority of the Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, is a list of entities that may not definitively meet the requirements established in the ATIA definition of a "public body" and need to be explicitly designated (i.e., by name) as a public body in this regulation.

The ATIA and its regulations incorporate both existing provisions that were in the FOIP Act, as well as new or revised provisions that focus on increased clarity, regulatory accountability, and administrative updates.

To support public bodies and Albertans with the implementation of the new ATIA and regulations, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction has created an ATIA website at <u>https://alberta.ca/access-to-information-act</u>, which contains resources such as fact sheets, an ATIA Guide, and eCourses, as well as other resource materials regarding transitioning from the FOIP Act to the ATIA.

The Government of Alberta will also be hosting townhalls later this summer regarding this new act and regulations. A schedule for these townhalls will be provided at a later date.

Sincerely

Honourable Dale Nally Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction