



The Myth of Information:

Access, Transparency and Accountability in the Electronic Era

Wednesday, May 2, 2007 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Metro Central YMCA, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 20 Grosvenor Street, Toronto M4Y 2V5

A light breakfast will be provided

Guest Speakers:

Reg Alcock Executive in Residence, University of Manitoba (Former MP and President of the Treasury Board)

John Miller Professor of Journalism at Ryerson University and Award-Winning Journalist

Dr Daniel J Caron Assistant Deputy Minister, Library and Archives Canada

Dr Mark Vale Chief Information and Privacy Officer, Government of Ontario (*Moderator*)

Access to information is thought to promote open, effective, accountable government, and an informed and engaged citizenry. But does it?

■ How well is internal government information organized for an external audience?

■ Is there a clear connection between the way information is presented to citizens, academics or the media and the way it is organized for public service reporting and policy setting? What is the impact on accountability?

■ Is government information managed so that people can see the bigger picture on the effectiveness of programs, policy directions? What is the impact on citizen engagement?

■ Is the type of information taken up by the media likely to enhance citizens' knowledge of government and its activities? What is the impact on transparency?

Explore these questions in a provocative fireside chat with this panel of professionals who seek to make information transparent and available to public administrators, researchers, the media and the public.

■ **Reg Alcock** is Executive-in-Residence at the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba and is appointed to the Leadership in a Networked World program at the Kennedy School of Government. He also served as a Member of Parliament and as President of the Treasury Board.

■ **John Miller** is Professor of Journalism at Ryerson University and a national award winner for investigative journalism. He was formerly the Senior Deputy Managing Editor of the Toronto Star.

■ **Daniel J Caron** is Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Management and Government Records Sector, Library and Archives Canada. He is also an associate professor at École nationale d'administration publique.

■ **Mark Vale (Moderator)** is the Ontario government's first Chief Information and Privacy Officer. He is an information economist and has experience in information policy, strategy and planning, and implementing corporate information and knowledge management programs.

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