



Answers that Lead to Change:

When Do Governments Act on the Recommendations of Public Inquiries?

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 IPAC TRG Annual Meeting 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., Seminar 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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

A light breakfast will be provided

Guest Speakers:

Ian Clark Professor, School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto

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Pamela Bryant Senior Fellow, School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto (*Moderator*)

Public inquiries are often the instrument of choice when governments must chart a course of action on contentious issues. Consider Walkerton, Ipperwash, Macdonald on the economy, Romanow on health care, and many others. Far from putting issues on a back burner, public inquiries have re-shaped attitudes and helped guide governments to make far-reaching changes.

■ How have chairs of public inquiries, including judges and former politicians, improved the prospects that governments would implement their recommendations?

■ How has timing affected the chances that action will follow release of an inquiry's report?

■ What techniques have public inquiries used to engage the public? How have chairs of inquiries and their staff ensured that recommendations would be relevant and feasible?

■ What has motivated leaders and ministers to become champions of change and commit governments to act on the recommendations of inquiries?

■ **Ian Clark** is a professor in the School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto. He is co-author of an award-winning article, "Advising for impact: lessons from the Rae review on the use of special purpose advisory commissions."

■ **Antonia Maioni** is Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. She has published widely in Canadian and comparative politics with a focus on health and social policy.

■ **Jeffrey Stutz** is a consultant in public policy. He served on the policy team of the Ipperwash Inquiry and is author of a forthcoming article about implementing the recommendations of public inquiries.

■ **Pamela Bryant (Moderator)** is Fellow and Adjunct Professor in the School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto, where she teaches in the Master of Public Policy program. A former Ontario Deputy Minister, Pam has extensive experience in policy development, implementation and service delivery.

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