



GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards 2023

Entry Form

To submit an entry to the GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards please complete and email this form to secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org **no later than 9 June 2023**.

Note: GPA member authorities can submit as many entries as they wish, but a separate form should be used for each different entry, submitted by the deadline above.

Languages: The GPA documentation Rule 6.2¹ applies.

1. CONTACT DETAILS FOR THIS ENTRY

Privacy/Data Protection Authority:	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Canada	
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2. ELIGIBILITY

By submitting this entry, I confirm that (*please tick all boxes to confirm*):

- The Authority is a member of the Global Privacy Assembly
- The initiative described in this entry was undertaken since January 2022.
- I am aware that the information in the entry (other than the contact details in 1(a) above) will be publicised by the GPA Secretariat.

3. CATEGORIES

Please indicate which category you wish to enter.

*Please tick **one**; please use a separate form for each category you wish to enter:*

- Education and Public Awareness
- Accountability
- Dispute Resolution and Enforcement
- Innovation
- People's Choice

¹ [GPA Rules and Procedures](#), Rule 6.2 'Assembly documents':

Without prejudice to section 4.2, Assembly documents, including accreditation and observer applications may be submitted in English or in another language. In the latter case, the documents shall be accompanied by an English version. Members with the ability and the resources to do so are encouraged to translate proposed resolutions and other Assembly documents such as the Assembly Rules and Procedures.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE INITIATIVE

a. Please provide a brief summary of the initiative (no more than 75 words)

In May 2023, the IPC unveiled its most exciting initiative yet, our first-ever [Transparency Showcase](#) — an online 3D gallery featuring a range of innovative projects from municipal and provincial institutions in Ontario. These projects show the positive impact of government transparency and the benefits of open data, without compromising personal privacy. Illustrated with stunning original digital art pieces, the showcase inspires government institutions to be more proactive in releasing information to the public.

b. Please provide a full description of the initiative (no more than 350 words)

On International Right to Know Day, September 28, 2022, the IPC launched a [Transparency Challenge](#), calling on Ontario’s public institutions to share innovative projects that promote government transparency and use open data to improve the day to day lives of Ontarians. We invited them to share creative examples of programs that modernize and enhance open government, promote civic engagement, and show how proactive disclosure and open data can have tangible and positive impacts for Ontarians.

Our role was to collect, curate, and celebrate great examples of transparency — not to judge or endorse the submissions we received nor to choose winners and losers.

Institutions rose to the challenge and submitted their best and brightest projects that helped to shine a light on the benefits of government transparency and open data. We curated them in a [Transparency Showcase](#) to help encourage and inspire other public institutions to be more transparent as well.

The interactive showcase supports and raises awareness of the IPC’s strategic priority, [Privacy and Transparency in a Modern Government](#). A number of featured projects show how privacy is not a barrier to accomplishing the goals of open government as long as the appropriate privacy protections are in place. Here are two compelling examples of this in action:

- [Waterloo Regional Police Services](#)
The Waterloo Police Services’ Open Data in Policing initiative gives citizens access to information about police calls and crimes to improve public safety. Each record contains information on the call but is anonymized to protect privacy.
- [City of Brampton](#)
For each access request received, the city’s access and privacy team creates an access request index that includes a summary of the request. To protect privacy and give the public a window into the access request, the city ensures the records contain no personal information before they are added to the index.

The showcase was featured at the IPC's booth at the IAPP Canada Privacy Symposium. The hundreds of visitors to the IPC's booth had an opportunity to explore the recently launched showcase and tour the exhibits in the online 3D gallery.

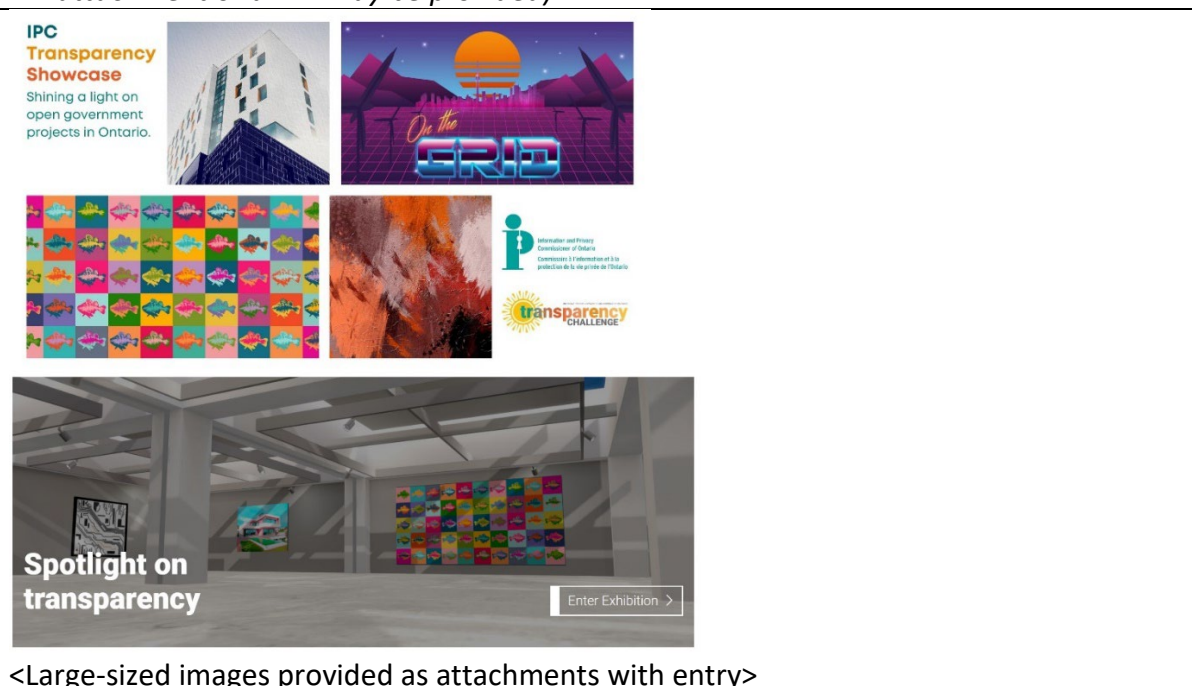
c. Please explain why you think the initiative deserves to be recognised by an award
(no more than 200 words)

Transparency and the protection of privacy are essential to a healthy functioning democracy. Privacy is not a barrier to proactively releasing government-held information, provided privacy risks are proactively addressed. The innovative projects featured in the IPC's first ever [Transparency Showcase](#) prove how it is possible to achieve openness and transparency in a privacy-protective way.

When public institutions are open about their decisions and actions and proactively release non-personal data, it better equips the public with the information they need to make better decisions and improve their lives. It fosters civic engagement and constructive discourse and helps to fight misinformation by filling in knowledge gaps with reliable, evidenced-based data. Ultimately, it inspires greater trust in government and strengthens the very fabric of our society.

Modern and effective regulators need to use innovative tools to support and encourage the behaviours they'd like to see and bring about compliance in a positive way. Our hope is that through the Transparency Showcase, we will encourage other institutions toward greater openness and help increase awareness that privacy is not a barrier to achieving this goal.

d. Please include a photograph or image, if you wish *(This will be published with your entry on the GPA website. The image can be pasted into the box below, be sent as an attachment or a link may be provided)*



<Large-sized images provided as attachments with entry>

e. Please provide the most relevant link on the authority's website to the initiative, if applicable (*The website content does not need to be in English*)

- <https://transparencyshowcase.ipc.on.ca/en/>
- <https://www.ipc.on.ca/access-organizations/open-government/join-the-ipcs-transparency-challenge/>
- [IPC Strategic Priorities 2021-2025](#)
- [Privacy and Transparency in a Modern Government](#)

f. Please provide any other relevant links that help explain the initiative or its impact or success (*e.g. links to news reports or articles*):

- [Ontario privacy commissioner launches the Transparency Challenge](#)
(Municipal World Magazine, November 11, 2023)
- [Notes from the IAPP Canada Managing Director](#)
(IAPP Canada Dashboard Digest, May 12, 2023)
- [Information and Privacy Commissioner hunts for public transparency projects](#)
(Law Times)
- [Brock's Open Access initiatives recognized for promoting transparency](#)
(Brock News, May 16, 2023)