

I saw your advertisement in the Times & Transcript and I would like to make the following comments concerning access to information and the right to privacy.

The right to privacy pendulum has swung far too much in favor of people that don't deserve it or use it to their advantage to hide from the law. Situation I refer to: My sister has been to court several times to try to get money for her kids from their deadbeat dad. The man was making excellent wages and he has consistently evaded every judgement the courts have made against him. He quit a couple of jobs and then filed for workman's compensation. The courts finally made a judgement to garnish regular payments from his Workman's Compensation payments. To evade payments he moved to Alberta. Please don't suggest he moved there to get work as he was on compensation because he couldn't (wouldn't) work....

My sister approached the court enforcement officer who said she couldn't help her because the privacy act doesn't allow her to look up the ex-husband's address. We know what city he, his wife and her children live in but this information is useless. Unless my sister provides the court with a street address, nothing can be done.

How can a low income, single mom afford to hire investigators to do work that the courts should be allowed to do? The street address for this person is at the fingertips of any law enforcement person in Canada that can operate a computer and they are not allowed to invade the privacy of a person that owes a couple of thousand dollars in back payments. The privacy of a person that runs from their legal responsibilities is more important than the support of his two children.

If the Task Force on Right to Information and Protection of Personal Information wants to meet obligations, then it should be obligated to protect tax paying, law abiding citizens and the children that are at the mercy of deadbeat dads (or mothers). Make these people that laugh at the laws and judgements of the courts not have any right to privacy until they start living up to their responsibilities and paying what the courts have ordered them to pay. Stop using privacy laws to protect them.