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### **SASKATCHEWAN INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER CONGRATULATES SASK GAMING ON PRIVACY COMPLIANCE EFFORTS**

Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, Gary Dickson congratulates the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation (Sask Gaming) on its efforts to bring the practices of its casinos regarding the collection, use and disclosure of customer personal information, into compliance with *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP).

The Commissioner undertook an investigation in the fall of 2008 when media reports suggested that Gaming was requiring customers to provide personal information when purchasing Show Lounge tickets with cash.

Sask Gaming has implemented new policies and procedures in its casinos which will allow customers to opt-out of providing personal information when purchasing tickets with cash. Sask Gaming is also taking steps to ensure that it collects only the personal information necessary for its business purposes, and that the information is only used and/or disclosed in accordance with FOIP. Amendments to the casinos' online privacy policies and signage in the casinos will help to make these new practices transparent to the public.

The Commissioner states that *"this is a very positive development on the part of Sask Gaming. It shows that Sask Gaming takes the protection of its client's personal information seriously. These sorts of developments go a long way towards increasing public confidence in our public institutions."*

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