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Citizens @ the Center: Government 2.0 It's not a Conspiracy, it's a Business Plan!

Outspoken civil liberties advocate Micheal Vonn will give her take on the BC government's new action plan called "Citizens @ the Center: Government 2.0", including the \$180 million "Integrated Case Management" program at FIPA's annual general meeting on April 6.

"Citizens @ the Center: Government 2.0" will use information technology to transform the way government manages information, connects with citizens and delivers services. The downside is that it will require a massive expansion of the amount of personal information about citizens the provincial government collects, shares internally and discloses to the growing number of public and private sector 'partners' involved with government programs.

The planned Integrated Case Management system will collect comprehensive personal data from hundreds of independent community service organizations contracted to provide government services, in order to create a database of unprecedented scope and detail about citizens' lives, including their participation in health care, education, family services and every other government service.

BC's privacy protection laws are a barrier to realizing these plans, so BC's Chief Information Officer is conducting a confidential consultation and is preparing major amendments to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for 2011.

Speaker Micheal Vonn calls the Government 2.0 plan 'Total Surveillance for "Better" Service.'

MICHEAL VONN is a lawyer and the Policy Director of the BC Civil Liberties Association. She has been an adjunct professor in the faculty of law at the University of British Columbia and an adjunct professor at the UBC School of Library, Archival & Information Studies, where she teaches information ethics and intellectual freedom.

Ms. Vonn is a frequent speaker on a variety of civil liberties topics including privacy, national security, policing, surveillance and free speech. She is an advisory board member of Privacy International.

**DATE: Wednesday April 6, 2011
AGM begins at 7:30 pm, speaker at 8:30 pm**

**LOCATION: YWCA Hotel
733 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC**

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