

On February 23, 2018, it was brought to the attention of Lanark County officials that there was an active link on the Lanark County website which included personal emails from Lanark County residents. Under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*, one of the ways a privacy breach can occur is when personal information is shared or released to another party that had no reason to receive the information, or without consent.

Following investigation, we confirm that the 24 emails were in fact mistakenly made available for public viewing for a period of approximately 72 hours. Upon notification, the link was deactivated and staff is taking corrective actions to ensure this does not occur in the future.

“Accountability, transparency and openness are standards of good government that enhance public trust. Lanark County officials have a duty to keep that trust through our actions. We apologize for the frustration and inconvenience this breach may have caused. We (*members of Council and Staff*) must and will do everything we can to protect the privacy of our residents” said Warden John Fenik (Perth Mayor).

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