

Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts
Information Resource Management Plan Overview (2007)

The Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts was formed in 2005. The Ministry has an ambitious mandate: to provide leadership to the tourism, sport and arts sectors in order to foster job creation, business development, dynamic communities, and healthy, active citizens.

Strategic Direction

The Ministry's Information Management (IM) and Information Technology (IT) direction and strategies align with the Ministry's business objectives and that of the office of the Government Chief Information Officer (GCIO).

The Information Systems Branch will steward all enabling initiatives while promoting partnerships with the private sector in the development of system solutions. IM/IT goals strive to align and achieve Ministry goals to enhance the government experience for both government clients and citizens.

Many of the Ministry's clients, including Culture Grant Applicants and Archaeological site stakeholders are already able to use some form of electronic media such as internet and fax for data collection, and reporting. Over the next several years, the Ministry will continue to replace paper-based processes with computer based systems and internet access to improve service while maintaining sound security and privacy best practices.

Major Projects

The Ministry's Information Resource Management Plan is focused on two strategic initiatives:

BC2008 – In addition to honouring the past 150 years of the founding of British Columbia as a Crown colony, BC2008 provides a vehicle to focus on the future, supporting several government initiatives and priorities: including the Asia-Pacific initiative, ActNow BC, the Tourism Action Plan, the New Relationship with First Nations, as well as enhancing literacy, arts and education.

The project will provide information on BC2008 activities linking communities via an interactive database. It will also include on-line event registration capability that will be fully functional by January 2008.

Archaeological Permit Tracking – Provincial archaeology programs are designed to encourage and facilitate the protection, conservation and public appreciation of British Columbia's archaeological resources as mandated by the Heritage Conservation Act.

The project will integrate separate business processes into one integrated system. Reduced data entry and processing time will create efficiencies for branch resources.