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A discussion of personal privacy versus public security

**Art Gallery of Hamilton presents
T.N.T. (Thursday Night Talks): Privacy Under Attack?**

In this age of “no fly” lists and cameras trained on downtown streets, do you feel secure or violated? Join in a lively panel discussion of personal privacy versus public security at **Art Gallery of Hamilton’s T.N.T. (Thursday Night Talks): Privacy Under Attack?** on Thursday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Art Gallery of Hamilton.

Under the direction of moderator Terry Cooke, panelists Brian Mullan, Chief of Police, Hamilton Police Service, Dr. Avner Levin, professor at Ryerson University and new media artist David Rokeby will present contrasting ideas and facilitate a dynamic discussion.

In an age when we give Google™ permission to read our g-mail and the U.S. government has access to essays written by Canadian students, the debate over personal privacy versus group security rages on. Surveillance, technology, government legislation and safety issues are complex and controversial ideas.

Tickets for **T.N.T. (Thursday Night Talks)** are \$10.00 for AGH Members, \$15.00 for Non-Members and \$12.00 for students and seniors and may be purchased on-line at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, by calling 905-527-6610, ext. 272 or at the Gallery’s Front Desk during Gallery hours.

A new AGH series, **T.N.T. (Thursday Night Talks)** aims to showcase how art and social issues affect and inform everyday life.

Art Gallery of Hamilton is located at 123 King Street West in downtown Hamilton.

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PANEL BIOS

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Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King Street West, Hamilton

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Terry Cooke is President of Cooke Capital Corporation; a company that provides strategic advice in the fields of energy, technology and land development. Mr. Cooke has been serving his community for over 25 years. He was elected Chairman of the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth in 1994 and re-elected decisively in 1997. Prior to his election as Regional Chairman, Mr. Cooke was elected 3 times as a City and Regional Councillor for Ward One in the City of Hamilton. Upon his retirement from political life, Mr. Cooke entered the private sector with his appointment as President and Chief Operating Officer for the Foxcroft Group of Companies. Mr. Cooke is a past Chairman of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Services Board and also served on the GO Transit Board, the Greater Toronto Services Board and the Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation Board.

Professor Avner Levin is Coordinator of the Law Area at the Faculty of Business at Ryerson University. His research interests include the legal regulation and protection of privacy and personal information in various sectors across jurisdictions, both within Canada and internationally. Most recently, Professor Levin has focused on privacy in the workplace, and he heads the workplace privacy project at Ryerson University, which has been funded by the Privacy Commissioner of Canada Contributions Program. A report on the project, titled "*Under the Radar: The Employer Perspective on Workplace Privacy*" was published in 2006.

Brian J. Mullan, was appointed the Chief of Police, Hamilton Police Service in October, 2003. Chief Mullan oversees the operations of the one of the largest major municipal law enforcement agencies in the Province of Ontario. His responsibilities include the supervision of 758 sworn and 270 civilian employees. Chief Mullan directs all patrol, investigative and administrative operations and administers an annual budget of \$110 million. A strong advocate of strategic alliances and intelligence-led policing, his vision resulted in the City of Hamilton experiencing significant crime reduction statistics in Canada in 2004.

Canadian artist **David Rokeby** has been creating interactive sound and video installations with computers since 1982. Several of his works have addressed issues of digital surveillance; other works engage in a critical examination of the differences between human and artificial intelligence. He has exhibited in North and South America, Europe and Asia. In 2002, Rokeby was awarded a Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts, Canada's highest honour in visual art. Rokeby's multi-media work was featured in the Art Gallery of Hamilton's exhibition *Sublime Embrace: Experiencing Consciousness in Contemporary Art* in the summer of 2006.