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Digital Health ID. Be Afraid. Be Very Afraid.

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Introduction

I have been monitoring the Nova Scotia provincial government's 'moves' toward a Digital Health ID since its announcement in February 2023. The most recent announcements with amendments to the Personal Health Information Act may be a first step toward an even more concerning eventuality should the people of Nova Scotia ignore and accept the move toward full access to our private and personal health information and activities.

Consider that 'health information' consists of documentation from all health professionals: therapists, psychiatrists, addiction specialists, disease specialists, testing and scans. If it is linked within the Internet of Things (IoT), all that information becomes better mobilized. It will link to your insurance, banking information, credit card, driver's license, social media presence, etc. Your "health" status may colour your eligibility to many factors: benefits, employment, insurance, and loans.

You may not be interested in the grander plan at the moment. You may even say, as many have, 'I have nothing to hide.' This viewpoint is myopic and potentially dangerous and one that will contribute conveniently to the development of an oppressive and subversive environment not of your choosing. However, I hope you will be better informed after reading the letter I have repeatedly sent to the Minister of Health and an MLA. It presents the broader picture: something that should concern us all, particularly our medical professionals who will be coerced into participating in a scheme. Don't worry. I frolic in facts, not fiction, and rely on our own government's website announcements. As we have seen lately, it is never a theory.

Honourable Minister of Health Michelle Thompson (November 22, 2023)

I emailed Jill Balser, MLA, in February 2023, expressing concern over the privacy of our health information and that the Provincial government would ultimately share it with the Federal government. The concerns stemmed from the announcement of funding after the trip to Ottawa of all the Premiers and MLAs and how the author of an article by [Sean Boynton](#) of Global News, Posted February 13, 2023, described the exchange.

Jill Balser, MLA, responded, "First, I would like to express that the Province of Nova Scotia is not sharing your personal health information with the federal government. The federal government has not requested this information, and it does not impact federal healthcare funding

to the province. Our government believes in the protection of the personal health information of Nova Scotians. It is a priority for the government and our healthcare system.

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To provide faster, better care, we must adopt new technologies. We will do so without compromising privacy. That is why any program, service or platform in Nova Scotia that requires the collecting, storing, or sharing personal health information must undergo a rigorous privacy review and have measures in place to protect against privacy breaches. Personal health information is protected and never shared with other governments.

We are transforming the healthcare system to one ready when Nova Scotians need care. If you're interested in more information on our plan and how we're doing, you can search for the Action or Health website at <https://novascotia.ca/actionforhealth/>."

This response from Jill Balser MLA was confusing, however, because in this article titled, *'Premiers agree to accept Ottawa's health funding offer: 'A step in the right direction' written by Sean Boynton Global News Posted February 13, 2023 7:01 pm and Updated July 7, 2023 1:41 am*, that describes the federal funding to all the provinces for healthcare, I found this quote: **"The federal offer came with certain conditions including a requirement for modernization and sharing of healthcare data for a national database."**

There is a volume of concern arising from Premier Tim Houston's announcement of 365 million dollars slotted for adopting a Digital Health ID using the company Oracle Cerner. At the same time, there is a 22-year-plus history of chatter in the federal government about implementing a National Digital ID and its applications: applications that extend far beyond our health information to our bank and credit card information, driver's license, insurance, and onward. Health information is only one of the applications.

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At various times over those 22 or so years, members of Parliament have questioned, resisted and criticized this move, stating concerns over the violation of privacy and the possibility of international sabotage and espionage. Federal websites still voice concerns over sabotage and espionage. It was a 'concept' rejected by an all-party Commons Immigration committee, which warned about the prospect of police being able to stop citizens and demand proof of identity. Privacy Commissioner Robert Marleau, in the 2003 report 'Why We Should Resist a National ID Card for Canada,' called it "the most significant privacy issue...costly, (between 3 to 5 billion-plus operating costs)... and intolerable." He was correct.

These references are available on government websites, including the mention of the document called 'Digital Ambition' written by Mona Fortier, the President of the Treasury Board. By the way, it is not a secret that a secret survey was conducted in August of 2022 in Nova Scotia to solicit responses from the 'salt of the earth' folks to measure their comfort level with digital IDs.

The survey commissioned under a \$ 2.4 million contract with The Strategic Counsel, a Toronto pollster, found that only some of the Nova Scotians polled were aware of digital IDs. When informed that “digital credentials represent a way for individuals to provide information about themselves electronically and that these credentials serve as an electronic equivalent of physical documents,” most felt life would be more restricted, with more security risks.

The secret may be who paid for that survey to be conducted! Was Nova Scotia Public Health anticipating the receipt of healthcare dollars from the Federal Government to implement a Digital HEALTH ID in our province? We'll find out where the money came from. We already know it was 'ordered' by the Privy Council. *The good people of Nova Scotia understand that despite the protestations to the contrary of those we hire to look after our wellbeing, a Digital HEALTH ID has the potential to be linked to all our other information under the pretext of convenience. We can connect the dots. The first dot is the announcement of 365 million to hire Oracle Cerner over the next ten years to create a Digital HEALTH ID. The second dot is the recent "updating" to the Personal Health Information Act.*

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To repeat, in August 2022, Mona Fortier released her 'Digital Ambition' document reinforcing the NATIONAL Digital ID ideology. One of the items linked to the National ID is our health information, so you can see why this move on the part of Public Health NS and the claim that it will not inform the federal government, let alone be linked to all of our other information, are suspect.

We also understand that the Canadian Bankers Association called for creating a federal digital identity scheme earlier this year, and they conducted a survey to measure the resistance or acceptance on a national scale. The World Economic Forum said to be unbiased in all aspects of a country's dealings by those who wish to downplay its influence, particularly under our current federal administration, has argued that banks and financial institutions should spearhead digital efforts. Their white paper "Canada's Digital ID Future – A Federated Approach" should tell us all we need to know. The Bank of Canada calls it a 'sound' move. <https://cba.ca/cba-in-the-news-Canada-needs-a-robust-digital-id-system>

Is it plausible to think these entities are conspiring to create that one person, one record mantra we saw mentioned in several articles and in the name of the NS Digital Health ID, OPOR? Of course, it is. How many ways can we define one person (OP) and one record (OR)? The problem to be solved, Nova Scotia Public Health says, is that current information systems could be faster and more efficient to maintain; healthcare professionals have to use multiple methods to access patient information, and the systems sometimes communicate and sometimes do not. *It would seem the problem is the 'system,' the software, the delivery medium, and the computers, not the lack of OPOR, one record for each person.*

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The government is notorious for NOT upgrading or updating their computerized systems. A Digital Identification number, one person, and one record will not improve your software or technology issues, nor will an ID keep an emergency room open. In 1998, computers were used to communicate patient information to each other. At the very least, an attending doctor could access patient information in an emergency room, which was predictably open. Will unpredictable, sporadic emergency room availability be a thing of the past when we are all Digitized? This province's people cannot be so easily fooled.

The article's words, 'requirement for modernization and **sharing healthcare data for a national database,**' are pretty straightforward. The province will be required to share our health information for a national database using technology designed by Oracle and paid for by taxpayers. I ran the statement, "sharing of healthcare data for a national database" through ChatGPT and asked for clarification. This is the result: *The federal offer mentioned in the context includes specific conditions that must be met to receive the offer. One of these conditions is the requirement for modernization of healthcare data for a national database. This means that in order to accept the offer, the entity must update their healthcare systems to meet modern standards and be willing to share healthcare data for the purpose of creating a national database.* Since Digital is all the rage, you might appreciate an AI generated interpretation.

If the author of this article was mistaken, I cannot tell. Since Nova Scotians don't know if he is wrong or if he is right in describing the 'intent' of our servants of Public Health and Wellness, good faith should inspire all the public servants involved, our MLAs, MPs, Ministers, et al., to assure the people of Nova Scotia that FIRST, our private health information WILL NOT be shared by the province with the Federal government in the 'deal' and trade for our healthcare dollars. SECOND, we must be assured that neither the provincial nor the federal governments will link a Digital HEALTH ID to our driver's license, insurance, credit scores, bank accounts, credit cards, social media, who, how, when, and where we hang out, our carbon footprint, our walking gait, daily caloric intake, our cooking, baking or eating habits or how high our thermostats are. These are violations of identity and privacy. To go that extra step right now to assure the taxpayer public is crucial. Everyone is watching. Very few still need to be made aware of the greater schemata. Why? Because governments and NGOs blatantly describe the future in detail with great abandon. It is written for all to see.

The legal teams at the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms have analyzed this issue with our Charter and Bill of Rights as a backdrop, and they have prepared numerous documents addressing concerns that should be paramount considering the violations of human dignity perpetrated by the Communist Party of China and their fully implemented social credit system. We cannot openly criticize their human rights abuses and then implement the same standards, even though our Prime Minister infamously and repeatedly does so.

We know, for example, that access to our 'carbon' data expenditure will be crucial to all those glamorous federally funded sustainability projects. We should be assured that our juicy carbon footprint data, already sought after by various entities like the C40 groups of mayors, or the Global Covenant of Mayors or ARUP (a global group of designers in sustainable development), will NOT be linked to what began as a Digital HEALTH ID in Nova Scotia.

The Internet of Things with a 5G platform makes all these connections possible. Numerous Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity / Sustainability gurus are preparing to download our 'mobility'

information. That data includes our walking gait for climate change. Of course, it does. What is still protected by our inherent rights as autonomous citizens?

All climate change proposals are wonderfully hope-filled, using the most flowery language. But these consultants and companies hired for billions and our public servants fail to make a case for the need to oversee, control, record, surveil, restrict, forbid, delegitimize, or denigrate the dignity of individuals to achieve ANY results for the sake of improvements that so far, have amounted to nothing. No legitimate reason exists to measure our walking gait or to deny my choice to either scoot, surf, skateboard, bicycle or drive my car to work or shop. Legitimate reason exists for concern if transferring health data to the federal government from Nova Scotia Public Health means that the Federal government plans to use it as a basis to begin its National Digital ID program. *However, any action that violates our privacy will be illegitimate and subject to scrutiny and censure by the people these plans purport to benefit but, instead, subvert.*

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Here's an example of a surveillance project for climate change. The ARUP group has partnered with the C40 group, and their LEEDS, UK project page says we need to maintain a 2500-calorie diet with zero meat or dairy consumption by 2030! Will monitoring and surveillance using a National Digital ID or Digital Health ID make this possible? We can easily identify numerous public servants in various levels of government and departments who are overweight now and whose caloric intake may come from more than meat and dairy. Will junk food from McDonald's and Tim's donuts be banned? If not, why not? Several Mac hamburgers account for over 750 calories of a 2500-calorie daily allotment. A sizeable hot chocolate from Tim Hortons clocks in at 380 calories, and along with their Old Fashioned Glazed donut valued at 330 calories, we have reached over half of our allowed daily caloric intake. None of these foods are healthy. Will the C40 global mayors shut down these corporate government lobbyists? That isn't very likely. Will these corporations start offering more plant-based options with genetically modified soy as a base? Overeating genistein from soy causes severe hormonal imbalances, especially in children – a fun health fact wholly neglected. Or will plant-based be a synthetic lab version manufactured in an expensive coal-fired electrically heated building next to the building that farms pesticide-laden crickets?

Our public servants who are currently overweight enjoy taxpayer-funded cookies, donuts, hamburgers, fries, cheese, and beef while attending fancy climate change conventions in Ottawa. Will they be expected to participate in the net zero 2500-calorie experiments for 'climate change?' Let's implement a 'you first' agenda on all fronts and find a nice cricket meal for them instead right now.

To Summarize:

As MLA Jill Balser attempted to do, we would like your Ministerial office to ease our concerns and confirm that a Digital HEALTH ID linked to our medical information will not be shared by NSPH with the federal government. We want absolute clarity on this subject. If our provincial health information is to be shared federally, there is every reason to expect it to be linked to bank accounts, credit cards, insurance, etc. The Minister's office and Public Health should notify the

public. We need a more formal assertion because of the article mentioned and the need for more clarity from public servants, with the looming prospect of the Federal and Bank of Canada pushing for a NATIONAL digital information and identity. Before denial sets in on your part, however, please enjoy the Canadian Bankers Association white paper called “Canada’s Digital ID Future – A Federated Approach.” Rest assured that Nova Scotians and millions of Canadians across Canada are well-informed.

Additionally, please describe how a Digital Health ID will create a fully functional emergency service that could prevent unnecessary deaths in our community. Sadly, another death occurred because of a lack of adequate care at the Middleton Hospital. This is unparalleled medical negligence. Part of this negligence is the idiocy that refuses to allow an unvaccinated doctor to attend to a patient in an emergency. Our public health department and those in its administration make victims out of patients with this poorly placed obstinance no longer based on medicine OR science. So, how will this be handled? When will it be managed? What is the ‘acceptable losses’ level within the NSH department and for the Minister of Health? How will an ID repair the damage this administration has caused to our public health workers and the patients who should be served better? How will it keep our emergency rooms open 24/7? That is what we pay for. We could analyze the per-hour cost of an emergency room and expect a refund for the hours the ER is unavailable to the taxpayers in every community.

These are valid questions and not designed to be glib or callous, although those words might describe the public health department of Nova Scotia when deaths due to negligence born of pride occur.

To protect the interests of the people of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Legislature and the Office of the Minister of Health should consider a written statement with assurances based on the concerns above.

Kind regards,

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The article with the quote: “**The federal offer came with certain conditions including a requirement for modernization and sharing of healthcare data for a national database.**” is found here: <https://globalnews.ca/news/9483983/health-funding-ottawa-premiers-agree/>

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