



August 24, 2010

Distributed on behalf on the Ontario Nonprofit Network



TIME SENSITIVE: Deadline this Thursday for Bill 65

On Monday, August 23 the Standing Committee on Social Policy held hearings on Bill 65, Not-For-Profit Corporations Act 2010. ONN coordinated 13 presentations throughout the day with speakers from various backgrounds, sharing their experiences from the non-profit sector and the changes they were seeking through a unified and consistent message. Standing Committee members were informed about the sector's key requests: a new definition of 'public benefit organization'; a permanent asset lock; the capacity to issue community bonds; directors' liability shield; audit threshold of \$500,000 (opposed to \$100,000); optional proxies; no limit on officers on volunteer boards; and limits to non-voting members' rights.

A cabinet shuffle however, has produced a new minister of Consumer Services, John Gerretsen, MPP for Kingston and the Islands. The challenge is getting the Minister's office up to speed in time to introduce the necessary amendments clause-by-clause on Tuesday, August 31. The ONN is hard at work on this particular issue, as time is limited.

We are asking all interested organizations and individuals to please take the time to draft a letter of support for the ONN brief to the committee (see contact information below). Thursday, August 26 is the final deadline for submissions to the Standing Committee. It is important for the Standing Committee to know that the sector represents a unified voice. We want a public benefit corporate structure with a permanent asset lock based on mission, not source of money and we want community bond capacity similar to co-ops. Given all of the changes that are occurring it is easier not to make changes than to make changes and we need change. Please take the time,

write a letter of support for the ONN brief and e-mail it to the clerk before 5pm Thursday.

By noon on Monday, August 30, all amendments must have been received by the clerk. ONN will be submitting amendments based on our brief. A clause-by-clause review will be undertaken on Tuesday, August 31. Therefore, by Wednesday September 1, we will know if our amendments have been accepted and whether we have an act that fully supports our sector, or an inferior one that does not. After the clause-by-clause review, it will be increasingly difficult to effect change in the act, so please put in the time to have your voice heard now when it counts.

[Click here to download Standing Committee on Social Policy](#)

Email letters to:

Attention: Katch Koch, Committee Clerk

katch_koch@ontla.ola.org

Mailing Address:

Standing Committee on Social Policy
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
Room 1405, Whitney Block
Queens Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A2

This message was sent to you by [Ontario Nonprofit Network](#)

215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 421
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 2C7

(416) 642-5786

You can change your communication [preferences](#) or you can [unsubscribe](#) from future mailings.