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Ontario Nonprofit Network – 2014 Election Questionnaire

Ontario NDP Response

1. If elected, will you ensure that the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA), that was passed unanimously by all three political parties, is proclaimed immediately to end the legislative limbo so Ontario's nonprofit organizations can grow and develop?

An Ontario NDP government will work with the Ontario Nonprofit Network to ensure that the proper legislative framework for the nonprofit sector is fully implemented as soon as possible.

2. Will you commit to supporting the creation of a youth internship program for postsecondary graduates that will provide paid, meaningful work experience while supporting the training and development of the next generation of community leaders in the nonprofit sector?

The Ontario NDP recognizes that community nonprofit organizations are job creators in our communities. We will work with the Ontario Nonprofit Network to help support and encourage paid youth internship opportunities in order to prepare the next generation of nonprofit leaders.

3. If elected, will you work with the nonprofit sector to develop a workplace-based pension plan and ensure the sector's inclusion in the development of any future provincial pension plans?

The Ontario NDP opposes the Liberals' plan to introduce Harper-style private pension plans in 2014. According to the recent budget, the Liberals have decided to move forward with a legislative framework for PRPPs that is broadly consistent with the model introduced by the federal government and favoured by big banks and investment managers. We don't think Stephen Harper's pension plans is the right solution for Ontario families.

The Ontario NDP understands that CPP expansion is the preferred option that will benefit the most Canadians. We support the work of our federal NDP counterparts in ensuring that all Canadians have a secure retirement through CPP expansion. In the event that the federal government does not move forward with these plans in 2015, an Ontario NDP government will implement an Ontario Pension Plan. We will also work with the nonprofit sector to ensure your sector's inclusion.

4. Will your party commit to implementing a cross-government nonprofit sector council, led by the Premier and community nonprofit leaders, to advance the mutual

interests of the Government of Ontario and nonprofit organizations?

An Ontario NDP government will work with the nonprofit sector to implement a cross-government approach to encourage ongoing engagement between Ministries and the nonprofit sector.

5. Will your party commit to working in partnership with the nonprofit sector to cut the red tape in administering the sector's funding so that both government and nonprofits can save money and time in order to reinvest in more services?

An Ontario NDP government will restore respect for tax dollars and make responsible investment in the priorities of Ontario's families. We will work with the nonprofit sector to help modernize the funding tools and rules that govern the sector. We will work with you to ensure that funds are allocated and accounted for in an effective, efficient, and transparent manner.