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Ms. Jini Stolk, Co-Chair
Ms. Cathy Taylor, Interim Director
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Dear Ms. Stolk and Ms. Taylor:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your colleagues on September 19, 2012, to discuss ways that the ONN and the Ministry can work collaboratively to support the not-for-profit sector as it prepares for implementation of the new *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*.

Since its creation in 2007, the ONN has given its support to the Ministry of Consumer Services in developing the legislation, and preparing for implementation. The ONN's understanding of the needs of the sector and its broad network of contacts have helped the government's efforts to bring forward a new Act that meets the needs of not-for-profit corporations, their boards, members and the public interests they serve.

I was pleased to hear your strong support for the Act as broadly successful in meeting the needs of the sector. I also want to acknowledge your continuing concerns with certain elements of the Act and the lack of consensus in the sector on the best policy approach to a few issues relating to member rights and other matters. The Ministry is committed to working with ONN and other sector partners to monitor the impact of the Act and consider reforms based on experience following implementation.

The government also thanks the ONN for its offer to assist the government in communicating our new anticipated proclamation date, including an announcement at ONN's Annual Conference on September 27, 2012.

The target date for proclamation of January 1st, 2013, has been shifted to July 1st, 2013, to allow more time to ensure a smooth implementation.

I am grateful for the ONN's continuing commitment to work with our government and other sector partners on measures to support not-for-profit corporations in making the transition to the new Act. I look forward to continuing discussions on opportunities to collaborate on effective implementation of the Act.

With the support of ONN and the Ministry's Advisory Committee, the Ministry is working to finalize tools to assist not-for-profit corporations, including a plain language guide, a transition checklist, and a draft default by-law. These tools, and additional information, are targeted to be posted on the Ministry's website beginning in Fall 2012.

Again, thank for your continued support in supporting our government and the not-for-profit sector in making the transition to the Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Best', written over a horizontal line.

Margaret Best
Minister of Consumer Services