

Ministry of Government and  
Consumer Services

Ministère des Services  
gouvernementaux et des Services  
aux consommateurs



Office of the Minister

Bureau de la ministre

6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

6<sup>e</sup> étage, Edifice Mowat  
900, rue Bay  
Toronto (Ontario) M7A 1L2


Tel.: 416-212-2665  
Fax: 416-326-1947

Tél. : 416-212-2665  
Télééc. : 416-326-1947

JUN 06 2017

MGCS3766MC-2017-350

Ms. Cathy Taylor  
Executive Director  
Ontario Nonprofit Network  
Foundation House  
2 St. Clair Avenue East, Suite 300  
Toronto, ON M4T 2T5

  
Dear Ms. Taylor:

Thank you for your recent correspondence requesting the government of Ontario to expedite proclamation of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). As the Minister of Government and Consumer Services, I am pleased to respond.

The government appreciates the support that the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN) is providing to the ministry and the not-for-profit sector in preparing for implementation of this important Act. It is clear there is a strong collaboration in the mutual goal of the timely and effective implementation of ONCA.

I understand that ONN and the sector are deeply concerned about the significant delay in the proclamation of ONCA. This government recognizes and values the important contribution that Ontario's not-for-profit sector makes to improve the lives of Ontarians and is committed to bringing ONCA into force at the earliest opportunity.

On May 19, 2017, the Ministry of Economic Development and Growth (MEDG) issued a news release announcing that the government will propose measures to help small businesses grow and cut red tape, to be introduced this fall. The necessary proposed legislative amendments to enable the future proclamation of ONCA and proposed amendments to the Corporations Act that may benefit not-for-profit corporations are proposed for inclusion in MEDG's bill in fall 2017.

As you are aware, the Ontario Bar Association recommended nine areas of ONCA reforms to be brought forward in the Corporations Act which currently governs Ontario not-for-profit corporations. I have also asked the Business Law Advisory Council to provide advice on the reforms to the Corporations Act.

.../2

I thank you for your leadership in helping to bring these reforms forward for consideration. Pursuing the proposed amendments to the Corporations Act would be helpful and is anticipated to be broadly supported by the not-for-profit sector.

Please know that my ministry will advise ONN when the proposed legislative amendments that would affect not-for-profit corporations will be introduced once more information is available.

I would also be happy to meet with you. A member of my staff will be contacting you to arrange a time to meet.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy MacCharles', written in a cursive style.

Tracy MacCharles  
Minister