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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND NEWS RELEASES

### Federal Budget 2007 Highlights For Charities

by Karen J. Cooper and Terrance S. Carter in Charity Law Bulletin No. 113, March 29, 2007.

The Federal Budget released on March 19, 2007, introduced a number of measures which will have a substantial impact on tax planning for charities and their donors. The federal government upheld its commitment from the 2006 Budget to remove the capital gains tax on publicly listed securities donated to private foundations, effective March 19, 2007, but imposed a new excess business holdings regime for private foundations. In addition, the 2007 Budget measures provide an incentive for corporations to donate medicines to charities for international distribution and modify already complicated rules related to gifts of private corporation shares and "loan-backs." This Bulletin provides an executive summary of some of the more important provisions of the 2007 Federal Budget which affect charities.

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## How to Conduct Board and Members' Meetings of Non-Share Capital Corporations

by Theresa L.M. Man and Terrance S. Carter for the Ontario Bar Association Business Law Section, February 22, 2007.

Non-share capital corporations can be incorporated federally under Part II of the *Canada Corporations Act* (the "CCA"), or provincially under the applicable provincial corporations statute, *e.g.*, Part III of the *Corporations Act* (Ontario) (the "OCA") in Ontario. This paper reviews the requirements under the federal *Canada Corporations Act* and the Ontario *Corporations Act* involved in holding board and members' meetings of non-share capital corporations incorporated under those statutes. This paper will provide a helpful reference source for lawyers, board members, and executive staff of charities and not-for-profit organizations wanting to know more about how to prepare for and conduct board and members' meetings of non-share capital corporations.

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[PDF] <a href="http://www.carters.ca/pub/bulletin/charity/2007/chylb109.pdf">http://www.carters.ca/pub/bulletin/charity/2007/chylb109.pdf</a>

## **Business Contributions to Canadian Communities: Recent Survey Results**

by Jacqueline M. Demczur and by Paula J. Thomas in Charity Law Bulletin No. 112, March 28, 2007.

Between October and December of 2006, Imagine Canada conducted a study through a nation-wide series of roundtable discussions with representatives from a broad range of Canadian businesses which are actively involved in investing in their communities. The survey, *Business Contributions to Canadian Communities:* 



Findings from a qualitative study of current practices (the "Report"), was funded by the Calgary-based EnCana Corporation. The results were released on February 7, 2007 and a summary of the findings are set out in this *Charity Law Bulletin*. The Report represents the first stage in Imagine Canada's wider study which will survey 2,500 Canadian companies, the goal of which is to illuminate the present gaps in knowledge with respect to community investment practices in Canada. Over the course of the next few months, Imagine Canada will be conducting research in this area. The findings, expected to be released this fall, will show both the economic value of employee volunteer programs and the impact of monetary and in-kind support of businesses toward charities and non-profits, activities to which the Report refers as "community investments." This Bulletin provides an executive summary of the key findings of the survey.

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## House of Commons Subcommittee Report on the *Anti-Terrorism Act* recommends Major Changes Anti-terrorism Laws Concerning Charities

by Sean S. Carter

The House of Commons Subcommittee on the Review of the *Anti-terrorism Act* ("House Subcommittee") issued its final report, as mandated by the *Anti-Terrorism Act* ("ATA"), on March 27, 2007. Among the report's recommendations are substantial changes to the *Charities Registration (Security Information) Act* ("Act"), legislation that was overhauled by the ATA. The recommended changes directly impacting charities are focused on reforming the process of issuing a 'certificate' pursuant to the Act, which is essentially the deregistration of a charity. These changes include:

- a) the addition of a 'Due Diligence' defence for charities facing deregistration under the Act
- b) the creation of Canadian 'Best Practice Guidelines' to assist charities in their due diligence assessments
- c) the inclusion of a knowledge requirement in relevant sections of the Act to establish a clear *mens rea* requirement.

The House Subcommittee report is a substantial departure from a Senate Subcommittee report, also on the ATA, that was released earlier this year. The Senate report, though recognizing many of the same problems with the Act as the House Subcommittee, recommended very little change to the substance of the Act. It remains to be seen what the ultimate impact of the House Subcommittee's recommendations will be and whether these recommendations will translate into any legislative or regulatory changes. However, the House Subcommittee report does represent a substantial step forward in recognizing that Canada's existing anti-terrorism legislation can have a considerable negative impact on charities and that, as a result, significant change needs to be made to this legislation.



An Anti-terrorism and Charity Law Alert assessing the House Subcommittee's report in more detail will follow shortly.

## Court Says "Place of Worship" Property Tax Exemption Should Be Strictly Construed by Nancy E. Claridge.

In refusing to exempt a convent property from payment of property taxes, Ontario's Superior Court of Justice has said that for public policy reasons, the exemption for a "place of worship" under the Assessment Act (Ontario) should be strictly construed. In its decision in *Holy Theotokos Convent v. Whitchurch-Stouffville* (Town), [2007] O.J. No. 542 (Sup. C.J.), the court confirmed that the proper test to apply in determining whether an exemption under the Assessment Act applies is the "primary purpose test." In other words, the party seeking the exemption must show that the primary or dominant purpose for which the property is being used is exempted under the Assessment Act. To establish the primary use of the entire property as a place of worship, the cloistered order relied on the evidence that the Sisters share a communal existence with an emphasis on a contemplative prayer life. For example, one prayer is repeated 6,000 times during the day in virtually every corner of the property. Although the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation conceded the two chapels and the baptistery fell within the exemption, the question of whether the remainder of the property was also entitled to be exempt from property taxes was at issue. In denying the exemption, the court held that the exemption "does not apply to the worship activities confined solely to the devotional life of members of a religious order whether that includes group or individual worship or prayers for the convent members. The exemption does apply to places of worship inside the convent grounds open to members of the public for some formal worship services." A bulletin on the issue of property tax assessment issues affecting charities is will be forthcoming.

## **New CRA Policy Statement on Associated Charities**

by Theresa L.M. Man

Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") released a Policy Statement (CPC-028) on February 26, 2007 to clarify that two unrelated charities that carry on a joint project can apply to CRA to be designated as associated charities pursuant to subsection 149.1(7) of the *Income Tax Act*. The effect of the designation would allow one charity to transfer over 50% of its annual income to the other charity so designated. An application would need to be submitted to CRA disclosing details regarding the joint project. The designation would be in effect for the duration of the joint project. If the joint project is not completed within the time frame specified, the charities can request to have the designation extended. On the other hand, if the joint project is completed earlier than the expected time frame, the charities should request the revocation of the designation. This policy statement is consistent with CRA's circular IC77-6 "Registered Charities: Designation as Associated Charities," April 18, 1977.



## **IN THE PRESS**

**Federal Budget will have Major Impact on Charitable Donations** by Karen J. Cooper and Terrance S. Carter

Lawyers Weekly, Volume 26 No. 44, March 30, 2007
[PDF] <a href="http://www.carters.ca/news/2007/lawyerwkly/kjctsc0330.pdf">http://www.carters.ca/news/2007/lawyerwkly/kjctsc0330.pdf</a>

Charity Law - How Court Decisions Can Make a Difference to the Sector by Terrance S. Carter and M. Elena Hoffstein.

Canadian Fundraiser, Volume 17 No. 5, March 15, 2007
[WEB] http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/newsletter/article.asp?ArticleID=2245

Canadian Fundraiser eNews included a link to Charity Law Bulletin No. 111 entitled "GST/HST on Membership Fees" by Karen J. Cooper.

Canadian Fundraiser, Volume 17 No. 5, March 15, 2007

[WEB] <a href="http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/Newsletter/issue-viewer.asp?Issue-ID=155">http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/Newsletter/issue-viewer.asp?Issue-ID=155</a>

Charity Law - CRA policies, publications, and other legislative initiatives by Terrance S. Carter and M. Elena Hoffstein.

Canadian Fundraiser, Volume 17 No. 4, February 28, 2007
[WEB] http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/newsletter/article.asp?ArticleID=2233

Canadian Fundraiser eNews included a link to "Corporate Giving: A Tax Perspective" by Theresa L.M. Man.

Canadian Fundraiser, Volume 17 No. 4, February 28, 2007
[WEB] <a href="http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/Newsletter/issue-viewer.asp?Issue-ID=154">http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/Newsletter/issue-viewer.asp?Issue-ID=154</a>

**Charity Law - Looking Back at Legislative, Judicial Impacts on Charities** by Terrance S. Carter and M. Elena Hoffstein.

Canadian Fundraiser, Volume 17 No. 3, February 15, 2007

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## RECENT EVENTS AND PRESENTATION MATERIALS

**Waterloo Regional Arts Council** hosted Board School on Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Kitchener City Hall, Conestoga Room, Kitchener, with Donald J. Bourgeois presenting "Human Resources: Investing in and Managing an Organizations Key Assets."

**Governance 101,** a Professional Development program hosted by the Certified General Accountants of Ontario Ottawa Chapter on March 6, 2007, included Karen J. Cooper presenting on governance and directors and officers liability.

[WEB] <a href="http://www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/charity/2007/kjc0306.htm">http://www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/charity/2007/kjc0306.htm</a>
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**York District Chartered Accountant Association** hosted a dinner seminar on March 13, 2007, with a presentation by Terrance S. Carter entitled "Not-for-Profit Organizations – Directors and Officers Liability: The Essentials and Beyond."

**United Way of Simcoe** hosted a seminar in Barrie, Ontario, on March 14, 2007, with D. Ann Walters presenting a talk entitled "Insurance and Risk Management Issues for Volunteer Management."

The Canadian Mental Health Association of Peel hosted a seminar on March 19, 2007, with U Shen Goh speaking on employment law.

"Diversity & Human Resources"

[WEB] <a href="http://www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/charity/2007/usg0319a.htm">http://www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/charity/2007/usg0319a.htm</a>

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"Employment Law, Legislation & Guidelines"

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## <u>UPCOMING EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS</u>

**Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP) Annual Conference** is being held from April 11 to 13, 2007, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with the following presentations from Carters and Fasken Martineau:

- "Donation Tax Shelters: Past, Present and Future" Terrance S. Carter and Theresa L.M. Man;
- "Alter Ego Trusts: An Effective Vehicle for Making Large Gifts" Karen J. Cooper and M. Elena Hoffstein;
- "Asset Protection: Inspiring Donor Confidence in a Charity's Legal Structure" Terrance S. Carter and Edgar A. Frechette; and
- "Unusual and New Gifts" Karen J. Cooper, Edgar A. Frechette and M. Elena Hoffstein. Details are available at <a href="http://www.cagp-acpdp.org/ancon\_frame.htm">http://www.cagp-acpdp.org/ancon\_frame.htm</a>.

Canadian National Hearings of the International Commission of Jurists - Eminent Jurists Panel will include submissions from Terrance S. Carter in Toronto, Ontario, on April 24, 2007.



**Libraries and the Law** is being hosted by the Southern Ontario Library Services at the Burlington Public Library, in Burlington, Ontario, on April 24, 2007, with U. Shen Goh presenting "Children, Libraries and the Law" and "Protection of Privacy."

Details are available at http://www.sols.org/librarydev/training/clinicsworkshops/workshop4.htm

Marking your Territory – Creating and Protecting Your Non-Profit Brand Advantage is being hosted by Canadian Fundraiser on April 25, 2007, at Osgoode Hall in Toronto, Ontario, with Terrance S. Carter, U. Shen Goh and John Vanduzer presenting.

Details available at <a href="http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/workshop">http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/workshop</a> Viewer.asp?workshop ID=213.

**Hospitals and Foundations Seminar Series: New Developments in Planned Giving and Charity Law** is being hosted by Carters Professional Corporation and Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP at The Estates of Sunnybrook in Toronto, Ontario, on May 1, 2007. Speakers will include Terrance S. Carter, and Theresa L.M. Man of Carters Professional Corporation, with M. Elena Hoffstein of Fasken Martineau.

More details are available at <a href="http://www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/notice/2007/CAFA0501.pdf">http://www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/notice/2007/CAFA0501.pdf</a>.

**Libraries and the Law** is being hosted by the Southern Ontario Library Services at the Aurora Public Library, in Aurora, Ontario, on May 1, 2007, with U. Shen Goh presenting "Children, Libraries and the Law" and "Protection of Privacy."

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**Ottawa Estate Planning Council** is hosting a seminar in Ottawa, Ontario, on May 1, 2007, with Karen J. Cooper presenting "To Be or Not To Be A Director/Trustee of a Charity."

**Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada** is hosting an event in Ottawa, Ontario, on May 3, 2007, with Karen J. Cooper presenting "Governance 101."

County of Carleton Law Association (CCLA) 13<sup>th</sup> East Region Solicitors Conference 2007 – is being held in Ottawa, Ontario, on May 5, 2007, and will include a presentation by Karen J. Cooper on "When is a Donation Charitable?"

**2007 National Charity Law Symposium** is being hosted by the Canadian Bar Association May 10, 2007, and will include Theresa L.M. Man and Jane Burke-Robertson as speakers. Terrance S. Carter is co-chair. More details can be found at <a href="http://www.cba.org/cba/cle/cle00/char\_07.aspx">http://www.cba.org/cba/cle/cle00/char\_07.aspx</a>

**Association of Health Care Philanthropy** is hosting a roundtable breakfast discussion facilitated by Terrance Carter on the topic of "Directors and Officers Liability and Beyond" on May 15, 2007.

**PFC – 2007 Professional Development Program** being held on May 15, 2007, will include a presentation by Terrance S. Carter on "The Year End Process."

**Law Society of Upper Canada – Advanced Roundtable in Estates and Trusts** – is being held on May 15, 2007. One of the roundtable discussions will be lead by Terrance S. Carter on the topic of "Structuring Charitable Trusts as Endowment Agreements."



**Tax Law Update: CRA & Practitioners' Roundtables** is being hosted by STEP Ottawa on May 16, 2007, with Karen J. Cooper presenting.

Details available at http://www.step.ca/pdf/06.07.prelim.ottawa.pdf

Arts Consultants Canada/Consultants canadiens en arts (ACCA) Symposium is being held on May 28, 2007, with Donald J. Bourgeois presenting "What Arts Consultants Need to Know About Copyright Law and Intellectual Property."

Employee Safety and Work-Related Injury: Recent Trends in the Law and Managing your Risk is being jointly hosted by Carters Professional Corporation and RTS Consulting Inc. at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga, Ontario, on May 29, 2007.

Details are available at <a href="http://www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/notice/2007/emphs.htm">http://www.carters.ca/pub/seminar/notice/2007/emphs.htm</a>.

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