

Updating Charities and Not-For-Profits on recent legal developments
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND NEWS RELEASES

COVID-19 UPDATE

Ontario Bill Proposes To Limit Liability from COVID-19

By [Terrance S. Carter](#) and [Sean S. Carter](#)

In a move to provide protection for workers, volunteers and organizations from certain types of liability related to COVID-19, the government of Ontario introduced [Bill 218, *Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020*](#) on October 20, 2020, which was most recently carried on division and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy on October 27, 2020. If passed, Schedule 1 of Bill 218 will enact the *Supporting Ontario's Recovery Act, 2020* upon Royal Assent (the "Act"), which will protect persons from legal liability from claims where other individuals either have, or potentially have been, infected with or exposed to COVID-19.

According to the government's October 20th [announcement](#) of the draft measures, the Act is intended to protect those who "make an honest effort to follow public health guidelines and laws relating to exposure to COVID-19. At the same time, it will maintain the right of Ontarians to take legal action against those who willfully, or with gross negligence, endanger others." The government further indicated that this targeted protection will be available to a range of persons, including healthcare workers and institutions, charities, non-profit organizations, and coaches, volunteers and minor sports associations. This *Bulletin* provides a brief summary of the Act and its impact on charities and not-for-profits, if passed.

For the balance of this *Bulletin*, please see [Charity & NFP Law Bulletin No. 478](#).

COVID-19 Corporate Update

By [Theresa L.M. Man](#)

Ontario Extends Relief for Members' and Directors' Electronic Meetings to May 31, 2021

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the government of Ontario has provided certain relief to corporations under the *Corporations Act* ("OCA") and *Co-operative Corporations Act* ("CCA"). On October 1, 2020, the government provided a further extension to permit electronic meetings of directors and members, regardless of contrary provisions in a corporation's constating documents, until May 31, 2021. These extensions were introduced to the OCA through [O Reg 544/20, *Extension of Temporary Suspension Period*](#), and to the CCA through [O Reg 543/20, *Extension of Temporary Suspension Period*](#).

By way of background, and as explained in the [May 2020 COVID-19 Corporate Update](#), the OCA and CCA were amended on May 12, 2020, to provide relief during the pandemic. This relief was effected enacting Bill 190, *COVID-19 Response and Reforms to Modernize Ontario Act, 2020*. These relief provisions are effective during the “temporary suspension period”, being the period of the declared emergency and a 120-day period following the termination of the declared emergency (*i.e.* November 21, 2020), together with additional periods established by regulation. The termination of the temporary suspension period, originally set for November 21, 2020, is therefore now extended to May 31, 2021. However, O Regs 544/20 and 543/20 do not provide further extensions to timelines for annual general meetings because those are an essential component of the democratic functions and self-governance of corporations, and represent an important opportunity for members to raise issues and to monitor the fiscal health, performance and governance of their corporations.

Ontario Extends and Amends COVID-19 Orders

By [Jacqueline M. Demczur](#)

On October 19, 2020, the Ontario government amended the [Extension of Orders regulations \(O. Reg. 458/20\)](#) under the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act, 2020](#) (the “ROA”). The ROA continued a number of the orders previously issued under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Extension of Orders regulations extend until November 21, 2020 a total of thirty-four orders currently in force pursuant to the ROA. Under the ROA, orders can be extended for up to 30 days at a time. The extended orders were previously set to expire on October 22, 2020.

The Ontario government has also amended the [Rules for Areas in Stage 2 regulations \(O. Reg 263/20\)](#) and the [Rules for Areas in Stage 3 regulations \(O. Reg. 364/20\)](#) a number of times between October 9, 2020 to October 19, 2020. In accordance with the [Stages of Reopening regulations \(O. Reg. 363/20\)](#), last amended on October 19, 2020, the Rules for Areas in Stage 2 regulations only apply to the regions served by the City of Ottawa Health Unit, the City of Toronto Health Unit, the Peel Regional Health Unit, and the York Regional Health Unit. The rest of the province is subject to the Rules for Areas in Stage 3 regulations.

Of note, the *Rules for Areas in Stage 2* regulations restrict social gatherings associated with a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony held in a building or structure other than a private dwelling to 30% capacity of the particular room if held indoors or 100 people if held outdoors. However, for social

gatherings associated with a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony, such as wedding receptions, held at a private dwelling, the limit is 10 people if the gathering is held indoors and 25 people if the gathering is held outdoors. Similar limits apply with regard to the rental of meeting or event space for a wedding, funeral, religious service, rite or ceremony.

The amendments to the *Rules for Areas in Stage 2* regulations also clarify that the delivery of “dance classes” will be permitted to continue for the purpose of teaching or training amateur or professional dancers in dance techniques where all participants are pre-registered for the classes, no walk-ins are permitted, and other specified conditions are met.

The recent amendments to the orders under the ROA also added a general compliance requirement for businesses and organizations in all stages of reopening. This is a requirement to ensure that, unless one of the listed exceptions in subsection 2(4) of the *Rules for Areas in Stage 2* regulations apply, any person in the indoor area of the premises of the business or organization, or in a vehicle that is operating as part of the business or organization, wears a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin during any period when they are in the indoor area.

COVID-19 Employment Update

By [Barry W. Kwasniewski](#)

Deadline for AODA Accessibility Compliance Reports Extended to June 30, 2021

Charities and not-for-profits with 20 or more employees, as well as public sector organizations, have been given a half-year extension to submit accessibility compliance reports, as required under subsection 14(1) of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (“AODA”), in order to meet the Act’s current accessibility requirements. The requirements and deadlines typically vary depending on the type and size of the organization. For charities and not-for-profits with 20 or more employees, as well as public sector organizations, that deadline was December 31, 2020, as reported in the [November 2019 Charity & NFP Law Update](#). However, to provide some relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the government of Ontario has [extended](#) the deadline to submit accessibility compliance reports until June 30, 2021. Organizations that fail to complete accessibility compliance reports by this new deadline could face enforcement action, which could potentially include financial penalties.

Ontario Provides Temporary Wage Increase for Eligible Personal Support Workers

As reported in the [September 2020 Charity & NFP Law Update](#), minimum wage in Ontario was raised by at least \$0.25 per hour on October 1, 2020. The rise in minimum wage occurred pursuant to subsection

23.1(4) of Ontario's *Employment Standards Act, 2000* ("ESA"). In addition to the increase mandated under the ESA, the government of Ontario [announced](#) on October 1, 2020 that it would also be providing a temporary increase in wages for eligible personal support workers who deliver publicly funded personal support services through the province's COVID-19 Fall Preparedness Plan. The temporary increase is effective from October 1, 2020, is subject to regular review, and could be extended through to March 31, 2021 pursuant to regulations under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*. Wage increases for personal support workers include:

- \$3 per hour for eligible workers in home and community care;
- \$3 per hour for eligible workers in long-term care;
- \$2 per hour for eligible workers in public hospitals; and
- \$3 per hour for eligible workers in children, community and social services providing personal direct support services for the activities of daily living.

OTHER CHARITY AND NFP MATTERS

Legislation Update

By [Jennifer M. Leddy](#)

Bill C-7, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*

The Federal government reintroduced [Bill C-7, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code \(medical assistance in dying\)*](#) (the "Bill") on October 5, 2020, proposing changes to the *Criminal Code*'s provisions on medical assistance in dying ("MAID"). The [News Release](#) of the same date explains that the Bill is the same that was introduced in the previous session of Parliament on February 24, 2020 which was outlined in the [February 2020 Charity & NFP Law Update](#).

The Bill removes from the *Criminal Code* the requirement that a person's death must be reasonably foreseeable to be eligible for MAID because the Superior Court of Quebec found the requirement to be unconstitutional in *Truchon c. Procureur general du Canada*. However, to be eligible for MAID, a person must still have a "grievous and irremediable medical condition" as defined in the *Criminal Code*. If mental illness is the sole underlying medical condition, the person is not eligible for MAID. The Bill provides new provisions on who can witness the signing of a request for MAID and expands the collection of data related to MAID.

Removal of the requirement that death be reasonably foreseeable created the need for additional safeguards for people whose death is not reasonably foreseeable, so that the Bill provides two sets of safeguards, one applicable to persons whose death is reasonably foreseeable and another applicable to persons where it is not. For example, there is no waiting period between the signing of a request for MAID and the day it is provided for people whose death is reasonably foreseeable. By contrast, there is a 90 day waiting period for people whose death is not reasonably foreseeable unless two physicians judge that loss of capacity is imminent. When natural death is reasonably foreseeable, the Bill provides criteria for waiving the requirement that consent be given immediately before MAID is provided. The Bill does not deal with advance requests or the eligibility of mature minors for MAID.

Bill C-6, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy)*

On October 1, 2020, [Bill C-6, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code \(conversion therapy\)*](#) (“Bill C-6”) was introduced by the Federal government in the House of Commons. As explained in the [News Release](#) of the same date, Bill C-6 is similar to Bill C-8, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy)*, introduced on March 9, 2020.

If passed, Bill C-6 would criminalize certain acts related to conversion therapy, a practice intended to change an individual’s sexual orientation, including counselling and behavioural modification. Bill C-6 proposes the following five new criminal offences: (a) causing a person to undergo conversion therapy against their will; (b) causing a minor to undergo conversion therapy; (c) removing a minor from Canada to undergo conversion therapy; (d) advertising an offer to provide conversion therapy; and (e) profiting from the provision of conversion therapy. Bill C-6 would also authorize courts to order the seizure of conversion therapy advertisements or their removal from computer systems or the Internet.

Supreme Court Grants Leave to Hear Voluntary Association Appeal

By [Esther S.J. Oh](#)

The Supreme Court of Canada [granted leave to appeal](#) on June 18, 2020, from the judgment in [Aga v Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church of Canada](#), which was released by the Ontario Court of Appeal (“ONCA”) on January 8, 2020. The ONCA’s decision was discussed in further detail in [Church Law Bulletin No. 57](#). However, given the interest generated by this case, a brief summary of the main points from the ONCA decision is provided below in order to help explain some of the key issues that the Supreme Court of Canada will be considering.

This case involves three separate legal entities: the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church of Canada St. Mary Cathedral, which was incorporated under the Ontario *Corporations Act* (“Church Corporation”); the congregation of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church of Canada St. Mary Cathedral, which the ONCA described as a “voluntary association” (“Congregation”); and the Ethiopian Tewahedo Orthodox Church, which has parishes around the world (“International Church”), and of which the Congregation was a local branch. This case also involves the expulsion of five former individual members from the Congregation (“Appellants”)

While both the Church Corporation and the Appellants were members of the Congregation, the Appellants were not members of the Church Corporation. In bringing the legal action against the Church Corporation, the Appellants alleged that “‘The Church failed to follow their own internal procedures’ in deciding to expel them from the Congregation and their right to natural justice and freedom to practice their religion as set out in s. 2(a) of the *Charter* was violated in expelling them from the Congregation.”

The motions judge dismissed the case on the basis that there was no contract between the Appellants and the Church Corporation, and therefore alleged breaches of procedural fairness could not be remediated, as she found there was no underlying contract between the parties (although they were both members of the Congregation). The motions judge relied upon the Supreme Court of Canada’s decision in *Highwood Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses (Judicial Committee) v. Wall*, discussed in [Church Law Bulletin, No. 54](#), where the Court held that, as a general principle, judicial review is not available for the decisions of voluntary religious organizations absent the existence of an underlying legal right.

On appeal, the ONCA found that the Congregation’s constitution and by-laws, which contained rules concerning member discipline, together with consideration in the form of monthly tithes made by the Appellants to the Congregation, constituted a contract between the Congregation and the Appellants. The ONCA did not, however, decide whether or not the contract was breached, on the basis that there was insufficient evidence to make that determination.

Although a date has not yet been set for the Supreme Court hearing, charities and not-for-profits will want to read the decision when it is released to see if it will impact the nature of their governing documents and their relationships with members.

Supreme Court Awards Over \$1M Damages for Pay in Lieu of Notice

By [Barry W. Kwasniewski](#)

Employers will have to write strictly worded and legally precise termination clauses if they aim to exclude entitlements to financial incentive bonuses for executive employees who have recently left their company. In [Matthews v Ocean Nutrition Canada Ltd.](#), a judgment rendered on October 9, 2020, the Supreme Court of Canada (“SCC”) restored \$1,086,893.36 in damages, for payment in lieu of notice, awarded in a 2017 trial to a former employee as a result of a Long Term Incentive Plan (“LTIP”) agreement with his employer. The SCC overturned the 2018 Nova Scotia Court of Appeal’s holding that excluded the LTIP payment, and the issue pivoted on whether that money would be included in a reasonable notice period at common law, considering the terms of the employment contract. This decision is relevant to charities and not-for-profits that include bonus and incentive programs as part of employee compensation.

For the balance of this *Bulletin*, please see [Charity & NFP Law Bulletin No. 479](#).

OneClass to Pay \$100,000 for CASL Violation

By [Ryan M. Prendergast](#)

In a [new release](#) dated September 30, 2020, the Canada Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (“CRTC”) announced that it had reached an agreement with Notesolution Inc. (doing business as OneClass) (“OneClass”) to resolve alleged violations of Canada’s Anti-spam Legislation (“CASL”), including a [voluntary undertaking](#) from OneClass to make a payment of \$100,000.

OneClass provides an electronic platform for post-secondary students to access exam study guides, lecture notes and video tutorials. The CRTC alleged that OneClass did not comply with CASL by sending commercial electronic messages (“CEMs”) promoting its platform without obtaining consent from the recipients between October 31, 2016 and March 25, 2020, and installed a computer program on post-secondary students’ computers between October and November 2016 that collected their personal information, including usernames and passwords, in the course of its commercial activities without obtaining their express consent.

In addition to making the \$100,000 monetary payment pursuant to section 21 of CASL, OneClass also agreed to develop and implement a compliance program addressing the sending of CEMs; to monitor and review its internal policies and procedures to eliminate incentives for its employees to violate CASL; and to register and track CEM complaints and resolutions.

Although OneClass is not a charity, this decision is a helpful reminder to charities and not-for-profits of the importance of CASL compliance, and the high monetary cost that can be associated with violations. Although there are certain exemptions for registered charities that permit them to send CEMs for the primary purpose of fundraising, charities and not-for-profits are generally subject to CASL's CEM requirements, and as such should obtain express consent from each recipient before sending CEMs.

IN THE PRESS

[Charity & NFP Law Update – September 2020 \(Carters Professional Corporation\)](#) was featured on Taxnet Pro™ and is available online to those who have OnePass subscription privileges.

RECENT EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Are You Ready? Governing in Uncertain Times was a panel discussion presented at the AFP Breakfast Webinar held on Friday, October 23, 2020, and sponsored by TD Bank. Members of the three-person panel included Terrance S. Carter, Managing Partner of Carters Professional Corporation, Jennifer Bernard, President & CEO of Women's College Hospital Foundation, and Rickesh Lakhani, Executive Director of Future Possibilities for Kids. Ken Mayhew, President & CEO of William Osler Health System Foundation was moderator of the webinar.

Buying and Selling a Business: A Comprehensive Guide was a webinar hosted by the OBA Business Law Program on September 30, 2020. The webinar was co-chaired by Luis R. Chacin, Carters Professional Corporation, and Andréa Brinston, Pallett Valo LLP.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

[The 2020 Annual Church & Charity Law™ Webinar](#) hosted by Carters Professional Corporation will be held on Thursday, **November 5, 2020**, and has over 1,000 registrants. The special speakers this year will be The Honourable Ratna Omidvar, C.M., O.Ont., Senator for Ontario and Former Deputy Chair of the Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector, as well as Tony Manconi, Director General of the Charities Directorate of the Canada Revenue Agency. Details are available online.

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