



ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK

The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board
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By email: minister.tbs@ontario.ca

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Dear Minister Sarkaria:

On behalf of the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN), we are writing to congratulate you on your appointment as the President of the Treasury Board. It has been a pleasure working with you over the last few years with respect to the nonprofit sector, red tape reduction and small enterprise supports to help organizations throughout the pandemic. We look forward to working with you in your new role to continue to support and strengthen communities across the province.

ONN is the independent nonprofit network for the 58,000 nonprofits and charities in Ontario, focused on policy, advocacy and services to strengthen the sector as a key pillar of our society and economy. We work to create a public policy environment that allows nonprofits to thrive. We engage our network of diverse nonprofit organizations across Ontario to work together on issues affecting the sector and channel the voices of our network to government, funders, and other stakeholders.

As you may know, Ontario's nonprofit sector plays a vital role as an economic driver, contributing \$65 billion to our province's GDP. As a sector, Ontario nonprofits receive less than half of their revenues from governments, which means they can leverage public investments - via business activities, donations, and the contributions of volunteers - into significantly higher value in the services they deliver to Ontarians, all while creating jobs locally. The nonprofit sector is positioned to support the Ontario government to build a stronger economy and a resilient province. Working together, we can deliver real change.

ONN has worked closely with the Treasury Board Secretariat over many years to advance the consolidation of transfer payment agreements and the improvement of the Grants Ontario system to streamline processes for nonprofits. There are considerable opportunities for funding reform to allow both government and nonprofit organizations to spend less time on administration and more time on program delivery and improving results. In addition, predictable, stable long-term funding will allow nonprofits to function more efficiently, particularly as they recover from the pandemic.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss how ONN and our network can act as a partner to the government in shifting to an efficient, transparent, accountable and coordinated approach to administering government transfer payment payments to nonprofits in Ontario.

Congratulations again on your new role!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathy" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Taylor".

Cathy Taylor
Executive Director
Ontario Nonprofit Network