

Newsletter

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Policy Watch

Details remain scarce on how the EHT will be rolled out. We took part in a Sept. 13 FCSSBC conference call in hopes that the Fed had learned more, but that isn't the case. No EHT updates have been issued by government since [the first one in July](#).

Next steps: The House is in session Oct. 1- Nov. 29 (but sessions often end early). EHT regulations are expected to be introduced in that period. Board Voice has [made our concerns clear](#) to Finance Minister Carole James, and we recommend our members now do the same.

Operating budgets from \$1.5 million and up are affected by the EHT. If that's your organization, send James and your MLA a brief email (meeting with your MLA is even better) so they understand potential impact on your agency. Be specific. Ask for an exemption for the charitable community-benefit sector.

[Find MLA contact details here.](#)

We believe government doesn't want to harm the community non-profit sector, and are in fact doing much work to strengthen social health right now. Help them see how EHT impacts that effort. Government notes that "public services" will be exempt; we hope that clause exempts our sector.

Please CC us on any email you send at jpaterson@boardvoice.ca, as your stories help us continue to build the case for an exemption or increased funding to meet the gap.

What you need to know...

We've just added [a password-protected page](#) for members only under the Resources tab on the Board Voice, where we'll be sharing resources, analysis and tools developed by Board Voice specifically for our members. Our July 4 analysis of EHT impact is now up there, as are resources to help you prepare for your presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Governance. Members, watch for an email from us sharing the password to log into that page and download resources.

Speaking of the Select Standing Committee, the deadline is Oct. 15 for all submissions. The committee is touring BC right now; [click here to find details](#) on how to make a submission. Board Voice will prepare oral and written submissions, and urge you to respond as well.

These rare opportunities to engage with government and help shape the BC budget are so important in raising the issues, profile, impact and potential of the community non-profit sector as a vital leader in services that address the social determinants of health and strengthen BC's social health.

As noted above, [sign into our new members-only page](#) to get analysis and ideas from us to help with your submission.

Registration is open for our [Nov. 16-17 conference](#) and the lineup of presenters is exciting! [Here's the finalized agenda](#). We love feedback from our members and are always looking for ways to add to our value, so [send me an email](#) with your ideas for how Board Voice can best support your organization and the work of the community non-profit sector, and we'll enter your organization into a draw to win a free registration to the conference in Richmond.

The deadline is Nov. 2 for municipalities applying for [Age-Friendly Community grants](#) administered by the Union of BC Municipalities. If your organization has ideas for services addressing the needs of older adults, these grants provide an opportunity to seek a partnership with your local government to apply for funds.

Funding is from the BC government, and they've put together the [SeniorsBC](#) page to detail the kinds of services they're interested in funding.

Let's connect! Look for Board Voice on these social-media platforms:



Queries, questions, concerns, ideas:

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