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ONCA: Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act

Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) provides a modern, legal framework for not-for-profit corporations, including charitable corporations.

It sets out how not-for-profit corporations in Ontario are created, governed and dissolved.

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When will ONCA take effect? ONCA cannot come into force until:

- the Legislative Assembly passes a number of technical amendments to the legislation and related acts
- technology is upgraded to support these changes and improve service delivery

A bill containing these amendments, formerly known as Bill 85, was introduced in 2013 but died when the 2014 provincial election was called.

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If you are a company with social purposes

There is a five-year transition period for companies referred to as "companies that have objects in whole or in part of a social nature."

Examples of these companies include, share capital social clubs (i.e. golf, tennis or country clubs) that are governed under Part II of the Corporations Act.

The Good .. the Bad ... and the Ugly ...

That expresses what the Lawn Bowling Club was about this year ...

I and a number of other snowbirds returned from sunny weather in the south only to witness the damages of a long cold winter here in Bantford ...

My first visit to the Dufferin Club revealed damage to the greens I have never seen before ... it was a ruptured field of dead grass and patches of lifeless sand

the Equipment shed was flooded with five inches of ice ... you couldn't even pull any of the equipment out ...

we were set back a month because of the late spring ... before we could even start work on the greens ... it was a challenge ...

But it was a challenge taken up by the club members and the new greens keeper ... as the season went on ... there was a renewed vigour at the club to get back on track ... the Dufferin Club was hosting the Canadian Championships for the Blind and Visually Impaired in September ...

we met with the city ... Brian Hughes and Vicki Armitage from Parks and Rec and Dave Meyer ... the Head greens keeper from Northridge Golf Club ... and Rob Sawiki ... Supervisor with the City in the Horticulture , Turf Maintenance and Forestry Department

It was the first of a number of meeting with these individuals over the summer ... and as well as providing advise and support ... and lent the club new and modern equipment to and workers to help get the greens back in shape ... this was a new relationship with the City ...

Like watching the greens grow and mature over the past five months ... changing into a well manicured carpet of green ...so has the relationship with the city ...

I watched the Bowling Club members grow and mature as well ... Dufferin Club members won a couple of Dufferin Club open tournaments this season ... the first time we have won an open tournament on our home greens in a while ...

I witnessed over 50 percent of our members volunteer at the Blind Bowling Championships and listened to the athletes and their directors shower praise over all the volunteers and tell me that the reception they received here in Brantford was the best reception they had ever received ... at any of their prior championships ... I heard words lie suburb when they discussed the experiences they enjoyed in Brantford ...

But it was more than just hosting tournaments that brought pride to the club ... it was the sportsmanship shown on the greens on regular bowling nights ... combined with all the time and energy you contributed behind the scenes ... to make the Dufferin Club a place we all wanted to come to ...

We had members of the tennis side crossing over to the bowling side to help ... there was discussion through the fences ... the pride that carried the Dufferin Club forward over the past one hundred years ... is still evident here ... and it will be this pride in the club and its members that will allow the Dufferin Club to continue for many years to come...

There have been changes in how we operate ... and more changes to come ... but change is what makes the Club vibrant and keeps its heart beating ... so lets all continue to work together and see the Dufferin Club legacy continue to mature and grow ...

There have been some bumps over the season ... the paying membership is changing but remaining stable around the 50 mark ... we have attracted about 15 new members annually over the past three years ... but loose about the same number for a variety of reasons ...

Our revenues have also remained stable and and again this year we expect to be in a small deficit

We have attracted a couple of new major sponsors for this year and next ...

Like the Tennis Club we have identified many needs ... there continues to be a difficulty to fill executive positions ... there continues to be a difficulty in expanding our membership ... and expanding our revenues ... and our equipment is on its last legs or has died and gone to the junk yard ... major capital funding is rrequired for the infrastructure of the dufferin Club ... on the greens ... on the courts ... and in the building and grounds ...

But we are optimistic for the future ... together with Lawn Bowling and Tennis ... we hope to strengthen and expand our partnership with the City as we move forward into 2015 and I believe we are on that path ... thanks ...