

Communiqué

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The Requirements, Recommendations and Guidelines in this Communiqué are applicable to the social housing providers administered by the City of Hamilton.

	Providers Under <i>Housing Services Act, 2011</i>
	Providers Under a Federal Operating Agreement
✓	Requirement
✓	Co-Operative Providers Under <i>Housing Services Act, 2011</i>
✓	Guidelines
	For Information Purposes Only

SUBJECT: Requirements of the Co-Operative Corporations Act, 2023

On August 23, 2024, our office sent out a communique: *Requirements of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA)*. This communique reminded housing providers of their requirements under the ONCA. Unfortunately, the communique failed to make a distinction for housing co-operatives. Please accept our apologies.

ONCA does not apply to housing co-operatives. Housing co-ops are incorporated under the *Co-operative Corporations Act*. Changes to the *Ontario Co-Operative Corporations Act* went into effect October 1, 2023. Co-op by-laws need to be updated to reflect the changes in the *Act*, and co-ops are required to update their organizational bylaw and occupancy bylaw to comply with changes to the *Co-operative Corporations Act*.

Information about the changes to the *Co-op Corporations Act, 2023* are available online from [CHF Canada](#). CHF Canada has also prepared a model organizational bylaw and occupancy bylaw amendment that are in compliance with the changes to the *Act* and are available on their [web site](#).

The Golden Horseshoe Co-Operative Housing Federation also has a free upcoming event on November 7, 2024, that reviews the changes required by the Co-op Corporations Act, 2023. [Organizational Tea: A Hands-on Workshop to Adopt the New By-law](#)

Please contact your Housing Administration Officer if you have any questions.

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