



WRAP CANADA

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NOTICE OF WRAP CANADA SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, November 13, 12:45 – 1 pm (Eastern Standard Time)
875 Main Street East, Hamilton, ON

Dear Member of Wrap Canada,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the work of WrapAround!

The Board of Wrap Canada has been working diligently to acquire charitable status for Wrap Canada. Charitable status will make us eligible for federally or nationally focused grants from Foundations and other sources that could be interested in supporting WrapAround.

Canada Revenue Agency has informed us that we will be approved for charitable status if we adopt Objects of Incorporation that match the criteria for what is considered charitable activity in Canada. Our current Objects specify some activities that are not considered charitable. CRA has presented Wrap Canada with their suggestion of what Wrap Canada's Objects could be. The Board of Wrap Canada has accepted their suggestion and is recommending that the Members of Wrap Canada adopt it as the Objects of Wrap Canada. Please see Page 2 of this notice for further explanation and context.

At its meeting duly held on October 15, 2018, the Board of Wrap Canada approved this motion:

“The Board recommends to the Members of Wrap Canada that they adopt these as Wrap Canada's Objects of Incorporation:

- *To advance education by creating, developing, and providing WrapAround training and coaching programs, and*
- *To do all such things as are ancillary or incidental to the attainment of the above purpose.”*

This document will serve as Notice to the Members of a Special Membership Meeting to consider this motion. Wrap Canada's By-Laws specify a minimum of 21 days notice to Members of a Membership Meeting. Please note that the Meeting can be joined electronically:

1-866-234-0247

Conference ID: 3972308

Please note further that only current (2018) Members of Wrap Canada are eligible to vote on the motion. We have also attached the Wrap Canada Membership form. ***Please fax the completed form to the Wrap Canada office at (905) 528-3562, or email a scanned completed form to Danielle VandenaAkker (daniellev@shalemnetwork.org), prior to November 13, in order to be eligible to vote. Membership payment must also be received prior to November 13 at:***

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Gaining charitable status has the potential to be a breakthrough for WrapAround in Canada, with potential benefits that would accrue to local WrapAround activities in provinces and communities.

Thank you! Please direct any questions to our Board Chair, Cathy Blocki-Radeke (Cathy.Blocki-Radeke@skylarkyouth.org).

Yours sincerely,

The Board of Wrap Canada: Cathy Blocki-Radeke (Chair), Jason Orchyk (Vice-Chair), Jane Ashmore (Treasurer), Carolyn Walsh (Secretary), Barb Keenan, Stephanie Ens, Marie Deis, Mark Vander Vennen

PROPOSED CHANGE OF WRAP CANADA'S OBJECTS (BACKGROUNDER)

1) These are Wrap Canada's current Objects:

- 1. Serve as a national forum for people and organizations involved in supporting children, youth, adults and families with complex needs using the WrapAround process in Canada.*
- 2. Liaise and support to allow local, provincial and territorial WrapAround processes to share information and work together at a national level.*
- 3. Build a national network of WrapAround practitioners that allows WrapAround Canada to provide informed advice to government, business, education, social and health services, and other groups.*
- 4. Promote ongoing and sustainable funding for WrapAround initiatives across Canada.*
- 5. Provide research, development, training and advice to WrapAround initiatives in Canada on best practices in WrapAround.*

2) CRA has been completely clear that these Objects are "too broad" to qualify Wrap Canada for Charitable Purposes. Too many of the activities outlined in these Objects are not considered charitable activities, and all activities of a charity must be charitable.

These are the four areas of activity that are considered charitable in Canada. If Wrap Canada is to qualify as a charity, it must fall into one or more of these four:

“Charitable purposes

Your organization's purposes **must** fall within one or more of these categories:

- relief of poverty
- advancement of education
- advancement of religion
- certain other purposes that benefit the community in a way the courts have said is charitable”

Note that while WrapAround itself, as we know, is actively engaged in the “relief of poverty”, this is not the specific activity of Wrap Canada, which does not itself engage in direct service with WrapAround participants.

3) In this light, this is CRA’s proposed wording for our Objects:

“We suggest that the applicant delete its purposes at Article 6 of its Articles of Continuance and replace them with:

- *To advance education by creating, developing, and providing WrapAround training and coaching programs, and*
- *To do all such things as are ancillary or incidental to the attainment of the above purpose.”*

4) At Wrap Canada, we see as our aim to develop and support the highest possible standard of practice in the implementation of WrapAround across Canada, through education and training (Facilitator, Coaches and Trainers training and coaching). This was communicated with CRA. In our view, CRA’s proposed Objects meets two essential requirements: a) it satisfies the definition of what is charitable (advancing education) and b) provides sufficient scope (through the second Object, about doing all things as are ancillary or incidental to the attainment of the above purpose) for Wrap Canada to pursue its standard of practice aim. For these reasons, the Board is recommending adoption.