

C.D. Howe Institute Policy Conference – Toronto

Strengthening Canada's Charities: Examining Challenges to Canada's 'Third Sector'

November 28, 2008

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Buffet Breakfast

8:45 am – 8:50 am

Welcome and Overview

William Robson, President and Chief Executive Officer, C.D. Howe Institute
George Fierheller, Chair, C.D. Howe Institute Charities Advisory Committee.

8:50 am – 10:00 am

Session I: The Roles and Relationships of Charities and Governments

An overview of the political economy of charities and the rationale for public policy that stimulates charitable activities and/or strengthens charitable organizations. What specific challenges does the charitable sector face, and what makes charities different from other organizations? How much is private giving crowded out by government support?

8:50 am – 9:00 am

Michael Hall, Vice-President Research, Imagine Canada

9:00 am – 9:10 am

Abigail Payne, Professor & Canada Research Chair in Public Economics, McMaster University

9:10 am – 9:20 am

Kimberley Scharf, Professor of Economics, Warwick University

9:20 am – 10:00 am

Discussion

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Refreshment Break

10:15 am – 11:35 am

Session II: Financial Inputs for Charities

Financial giving to charities is governed by tax legislation and regulations. What are the reasons for rules on charitable giving? Are these justifiable reasons? What level of regulation or oversight through the tax system is appropriate? What new forms of charity finance and organization are practical?

10:15 am – 10:25 am

David Duff, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

10:25 am – 10:35 am

Sandra Hamilton, Tax Manager, Ernst and Young

10:35 am – 10:45 am

Adam Aptowitzer, Lawyer, Drache LLP

10:45 am – 10:55 am

Terrance Carter, Managing Partner, Carters


10:55 am – 11:35 am

Discussion

11:45 am – 1:30 pm

Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: *Don Johnson*, Senior Advisor, BMO Financial Group

1:45 pm – 3:05 pm	Session III: Human Capital Issues Charities rely on employees, volunteers or a combination of both and many charities offer low wages relative to the for-profit sector. Is the organizational model different for charities, and should government policy make it less difficult for charities to hire and train employees? Should governments create positive incentives for individuals to donate skills and time? What demographic issues do charities face in attracting skills, and what policy issues do they raise?	
1:45 pm – 1:55 pm	Keith Ambachtsheer , Chair of the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation	
1:55 pm – 2:05 pm	Catherine Connelly , Assistant Professor of Organizational Behaviour and Human Resources Management, McMaster University	
2:05 pm – 2:15pm	Kathy Brock , Associate Professor School of Policy Studies and Department of Political Studies, Queen's University	
2:15 pm– 2:25 pm	Paul Reed , Director, Centre for Applied Social Research, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University	
2:25 pm– 3:05 pm	Discussion	
3:05 pm – 3:20 pm	Refreshment Break	
3:20 pm – 4:30 pm	Session IV: Organization and Regulation Issues Many charities are small, and there may be an inefficient overlapping of charities. Does this lead to an efficient provision of charitable services? Do overlapping federal and provincial regulations affect institutional organization in a negative way? What regulation changes are necessary?	
3:20 pm – 3:30 pm	Al Slivinski , Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario	
3:30 pm – 3:40 pm	Hilary Pearson , President, Philanthropic Foundations Canada	
3:40 pm – 3:50 pm	Teri Kirk , Vice President of Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs, Imagine Canada	
3:50 pm – 4:25 pm	Discussion	
4:25 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks: Abigail Payne , Professor & Canada Research Chair in Public Economics, McMaster University	
Date:	Friday, November 28, 2008	 C.D. Howe Institute Institut C.D. Howe
Time:	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	
Location:	King Edward Hotel, 37 King St. East, Toronto, Ontario	
Meeting Room.	Windsor Ballroom	
Luncheon Room	Victoria Restaurant	