

How we Support the Sector

Vantage Point connects with government representatives and community partners involved in public policy and sector initiatives to discuss the government's strategy to engage with the not-for-profit sector, Vantage Point's role, as well as opportunities for collaboration on an ongoing basis.

You can support this work and join the conversation. When you [become a member](#), we will work to keep you informed and facilitate ways for you to contribute your voice to key issues which directly effect not-for-profits like yours in BC.

Our Public Policy Initiatives

BC Budget

- Created a submission for the BC 2020 Budget consultation [here](#) and BC 2021 Budget consultation [here](#)

Finance Committee Report

- Summarized the recommendations from the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (read the summary [here](#))
- Reached out to local MLAs to discuss key recommendations in the report, and to highlight recommendations concerning the proposed review of Community Gaming Grants

Societies Act

Proposed Amendments

- Held an info session in partnership with Law for Non Profits on the proposed amendments to the Societies Act
- Consolidated general concerns and feedback to build a joint submission with the Pacific Legal Education and Outreach Society (PLEO)

Tax Policy

Employer Health Tax

- Surveyed not-for-profits on their concerns around the employer health tax, in collaboration with BC Nonprofit Housing Association
- Submitted results to the Ministry of Finance to support decision-making
- Outcome: not-for-profit organizations and charities with a payroll under \$1.5 million are exempt from paying the tax

Public Sector Governance

Board Training

- Vantage Point secured a contract to develop a training and orientation curriculum for new board members appointed by the government to Public Sector Organizations across BC
- Introduced a principles-based approach to public sector governance through a cross-ministry collaboration, in partnership with the Crown Agency Board Resourcing Office

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Questions?

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