



## Experience with charities and not-for-profits

### Supporting your sector

**Doane Grant Thornton is the one of the largest professional service providers to the charity and not-for-profit (CNPO) sector in Canada**, and we service many of Canada's largest NPOs and top 40 charities. Our firm has made a significant commitment to the CNPO sector to provide not only the best value-added service to our clients, but to also stay ahead of changes in the sector. Nationally, we have a dedicated CNPO group which services hundreds of registered charities and NPOs across the country.

The power of our national CNPO group lies in the combination of resources, technical expertise, and the sharing of experience. We keep our team aware of trends and developments in the industry and can share best practices with our clients. We have a team of nine regional sector leaders from across the country. Formally, they meet tri-annually by video conference and once annually in person, and the sub-sector group connect monthly and more frequently as issues arise. Informally, we are constantly in touch by phone, email, and instant message, sharing our successes, observations, and insights as they occur. We bring a wealth of experience to NPOs and a holistic approach to our services, meaning that we keep ourselves familiar with what you do and how you do it.

### Proactive updates and guidance

With the help of our dedicated national accounting standards team, we carefully monitor – and appropriately challenge – developments in relevant accounting standards, so you don't have to. Our ANSPO (Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations) specialists publish formal updates well in advance of proposed or emerging changes to standards, which are passed directly onto you and explained in depth to help you address them effectively.

### Familiarity and experience with not-for-profit accounting and auditing standards

With the help of our dedicated Professional Practice Group (PPG), we carefully monitor developments in relevant accounting standards and help you to stay abreast of changes that may impact you. From small community organizations to large national charities, you can count on our PPG team for in-depth knowledge and trusted advice. Our experts bring many years of practical experience in the field and are directly involved in the standard-setting process.

Doane Grant Thornton is an active member of the Canadian Accounting Standards Board's (AcSBs) Not-for-Profit Advisory Committee, the group that advises the AcSB in maintaining and improving accounting standards for CNPOs in the private sector. Our team ensures that your voice is heard in the standard-setting process and we are here to help with any of your assurance or accounting advisory needs.



## Understanding of industry issues and opportunities

- Shifting demographics are resulting in changes to the way individuals contribute to their communities.
- Technology continues to impact the way we fundraise, opening doors to new ideas such as crowdfunding and automated recurring donations.
- At a time when global charitable giving is down, being able to measure and demonstrate positive impact is essential for CNPOs to thrive.
- Long-term effects of COVID-19 highlight many organizations' lack of financial reserves and capital.
- As competition for public funding becomes increasingly fierce, the ability to diversify income streams via earned income may lead to increased sustainability.

## Thought leadership

- [COVID-19 and the charity sector in a global context](#)
- [Disclosing the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 in your entity's financial statements](#)
- [Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act, 2010 \(ONCA\)](#)
- [How to evolve your charity & not-for-profit in pace with technology](#)
- [Diversity as a differentiator in the charity and not-for-profit sector](#)
- [Is your data working as hard as it could be?](#)

## Industry involvement

- Being featured at CNPO Cybersecurity breakfast seminars
- Volunteering at the Board-level for various charities and not-for-profit organizations
- Contributing to CPA Canada's not-for-profit publications and seminars
- Participating with the Muttart Foundation and CRA Canada on improvements to the T3010 return
- Presenting at the CPA Canada NPO Finance Executive forum
- Maintaining relationship with the Canadian Society of Association Executives, a large national organization with membership consisting of professional associations, charities, and CNPO's