Submission

To the

Special Committee of the Senate

On the Charity Sector

November 2018
The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this Special Senate Committee review on the Charitable Sector’s structure and regulation.

Our small museum is an all volunteer organization with no paid staff and our work is done completely by volunteers giving their time and energy to promote the services, stories and legacies of our Chinese Canadian veterans that served in the Canadian military over the past 100 years.

Summary of our submission. We request the Committee consider:

1. creating a greater “culture of giving” so that more potential donors can give to small charities such as ours. The current charitable tax credit is workable and should be kept. Minor adjustments to the percentage of credit could enhance greater giving.

2. encouraging more grants provided by other government departments and any restrictions among federal and provincial departments be minimized to ease the grant applications by charities.

3. re-establishing an Advisory Committee on Charities to be appointed by the Minister of National Revenue.

4. establishing regular reviews of federal and provincial legislations relating to charities and not-to-profit organizations.