

The Nonprofit Sector in Halton

The Halton Nonprofit Network

- Purpose:
 - Building capacity in the sector
 - An independent and unified voice for the sector
 - Mutual support and shared problem-solving
- Formed in February 2011
- Funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Membership is organizational
- Individuals can be collaborating members (no vote)
- Strategic direction from a Coordinating Committee drawn from 9 organizations
- Activity driven through Action Groups

Nonprofits

- Three categories, all of which actively engage volunteers:
 1. Small grass-roots organizations /groups with little formal accountability other than to members, e.g. some community gardens, some self-help groups
 2. Incorporated nonprofit organizations subject to regulation under the Ontario Corporations Act
 3. Registered charities (Canada Revenue Agency):
 - Must be incorporated
 - Corporate objects (ends) must meet CRA definition of charitable activity
 - May issue charitable tax receipts for donations
 - Make detailed annual reports to CRA about activities, revenues, expenditures and donations

In Halton...

- There are an estimated 2000 non-profit and voluntary organizations in Halton
(Chairman's Roundtable on the Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector)
- There are 689 registered charities located in Halton
(CRA)
 - Burlington 278
 - Oakville 306
 - Milton 99
 - Halton Hills 6
- The remaining 1300+ nonprofit and voluntary organizations are a mix of incorporated and smaller grass roots organizations

Nonprofits Active in Many Sectors

- Sports
- Recreation
- Social development
- Culture
- Heritage
- Housing
- Arts
- Environment
- Poverty
- Health
- Human rights
- Newcomers
- Social services
- Sectoral infrastructure
- Civic engagement
- Education

...and more

The Core Nonprofit Sector

- HNN focuses its efforts on the core nonprofit sector
- The core nonprofit sector excludes larger organizations and institutions that are primarily publicly funded, although still classified as nonprofits (e.g., hospitals, public schools, colleges and universities)

Core Nonprofits in Canada...

- Core nonprofit sector:
 - GDP amounted to \$29.1 billion in 2003
 - Represented 2.6% of overall Canadian economy (greater than agriculture, auto manufacturing or accommodation and food services)
 - Volunteer activity added an additional \$12.1 billion to GDP in 2000
 - Social services account for about 25% of the core nonprofit sector's GDP

(Statistics drawn from Statistics Canada, reported in Pushing the Limits, Community Development Halton: 2007)

In Halton, Nonprofit Human Services ...

- Make up about 11% of the total nonprofit sector
- Are estimated to:
 - Employ 4,800 people, 2.3% of the total Halton workforce AND comparable to employment in each of Utilities, the Arts, entertainment and recreation, and Real estate and rental housing
- Engage over 20,000 volunteers
- Have an estimated GDP of \$187.9 million, 1.1% of Halton's GDP
- Volunteer activity added an additional \$33.2 - \$52.7 million to GDP

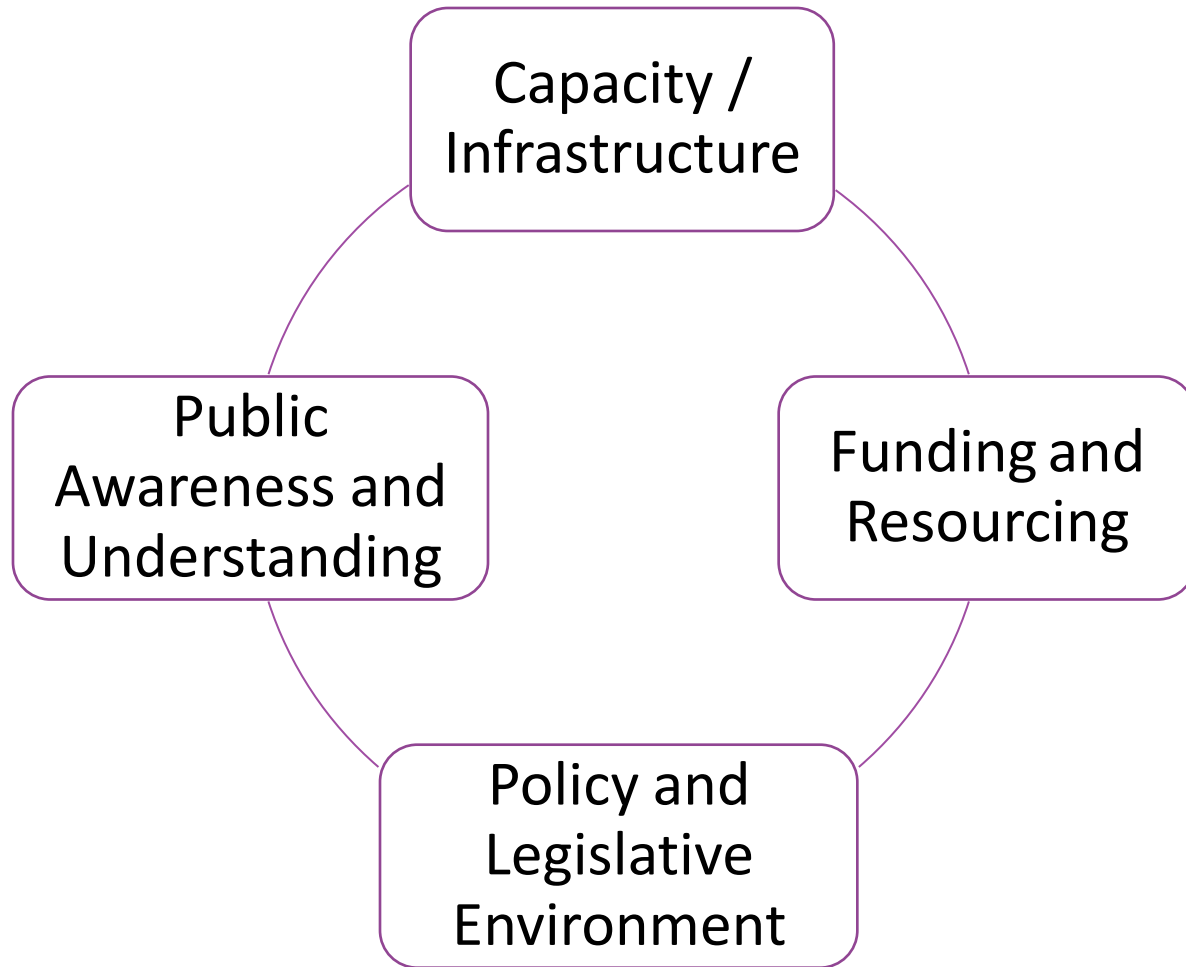
(Pushing the Limits, Community Development Halton. 2007)

In 2007, Statistics Canada reported that in Halton in the preceding 12 month period... ..

- over two-thirds (67%) of the population aged 15 and over volunteered their time through an agency, group or organization (rate is higher than both provincial and national participation rates)
- volunteers spent an average of 165 hours per year (about 3 hours per week)
- volunteers collectively contributed over 38 million hours , equivalent to 20,232 full time year-round jobs (assuming 40 hours of work per week for 48 weeks)
- when an hourly wage of \$24.05 (average hourly wage in health care and social assistance industry for Ontario - December 2007) is used, this represents a contribution to the economy of about \$1 billion

(“Community Lens”, Bulletin 35. Community Development Halton: June 2009)

Key Issues Faced by the Nonprofit Sector



Capacity Issues

- Rapidly increasing demand for service
- Labour force challenges
- Board development
- Professional development
- Volunteer management
- Need for advocacy
- Need for mechanisms for sharing information, tools and resources that would augment organizational capacity, e.g., shared space, shared professional expertise, and, shared technological supports

Funding and Resourcing

- Unstable and unpredictable core funding and the dominance of project-based funding
- Challenges of working in 4 communities
- Poor to non-existent coordination across multiple funders

Policy and Legislative Environment

- Legislative Changes, e.g., the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act and the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act
- Impact of, for example, the Social Assistance Review and the Drummond Report
- Strained capacity to respond quickly and effectively to changing policy and legislation

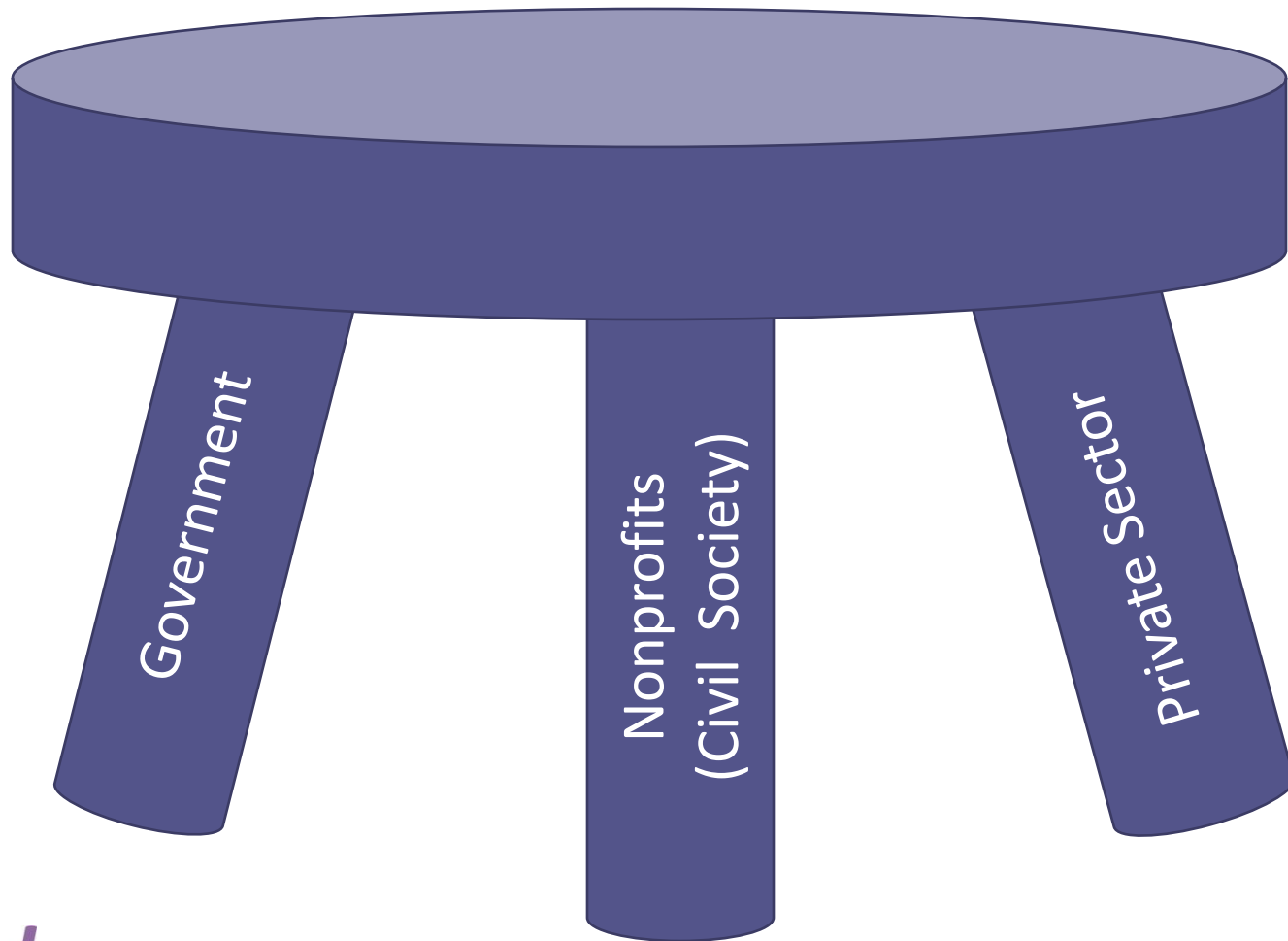
Public Awareness and Understanding

- Poor understanding of the sector and its contributions
- Poor understanding of the issues with which the sector deals and the people who it serves

Contributions of the Nonprofit Sector

- Builds community
- Builds capacity in the community to respond to a broad array of needs and issues
- Provides mechanisms for tapping into the community
- Significant economic driver
- Service deliverer, independently and as a partner with government

Nonprofit Sector is an Equal Partner



Questions?

Comments?