

Ontario One Call formally became a Not-For-Profit Corporation August 11, 2011

Ontario One Call (ON1Call) has been a shareholder-owned company since it was started in 1996 by Bell Canada, Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas. As the number of members grew (to 151 today), the founding companies believed that a member-driven structure would be better able to represent the future needs of all members, and would assist ON1Call to become the legislated One Call centre for all owners of buried infrastructure in the Province.

Bill 180 was the first attempt to gather all infrastructure into one provincial database. The Bill was supported by all parties in its 1st and 2nd readings in May and June 2011, but the Legislature rose before the Bill could become law. The Bill will be reintroduced in the next session.

The Board of ON1Call has always operated the company on a Not-For-Profit (NFP) basis, constantly decreasing rates to its members instead of taking a dividend, although ON1Call was legally a shareholder company. The Board decided last year that it would confirm the practise of operating as an NFP by changing to a formal NFP structure in 2011, the organization's 15th year.

The transition to a full Not-For-Profit is not over yet: the Board is working hard with an external consultant to design a member-driven organization that will truly represent the safety needs of all infrastructure owners in the Province, and we anticipate the new structure will be fully in place by the end of 2011 or early in 2012.

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