

Law For NonProfits

New Societies Act - Transition Project

Transition vs Bylaw Revision

Fundamental to the LFNP project is understanding the difference between **Legal Information** and **Legal Advice**.

*Tables adapted from CLEO Centre for Research and Innovation

legal information* as:

- General information about the law that **does not apply** to a society's specific situation
- Helping a society understand when a problem is a legal problem
- Discussing options and possible next steps, including when and where a society can get more help, including legal advice

legal advice* as:

- An interpretation of the law and legal rules and principles to a particular situation
- Being specific to a society's specific situation
- Providing recommendations about the society's options based on an assessment of how the law applies to the specific situation and what they want to achieve



Mentors and the volunteers at **Hubs** are trained to direct society to the *free information*, toolkits and webinars available through the **Law For NonProfits** website. They will not provide individual case **ADVICE** - except to seek a lawyer for specific situations and/or bylaw changes.



Law For NonProfits volunteers will direct anyone who needs legal advice to **consult a lawyer** - through the *Lawyer Referral Service* or *Access Pro Bono* - who are skilled in the nonprofit sector and aware of the needs of act transition as well as any related bylaw changes required for compliance.