

## Hearings and Town Hall Forums, January – February 2012

OPSEU is pleased to announce that the Public Services Foundation of Canada (PSFC) has agreed to organize a “*Commission on Quality Public Services and Tax Fairness*” which will host more than a dozen Hearings and Town Hall forums across Ontario in January and February, 2012. The Chair of the Commission is Judy Wasylycia-Leis, a former Member of Parliament and a one-time cabinet minister in Manitoba. Ms. Wasylycia-Leis is the current Chair of the PSFC.

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### Hearings

The Commission will hear testimony on issues of progressive tax reform so that Ontario is able to meet the current and future funding needs of its public services and programs. This aspect of the Commission’s work will also gather evidence to identify where current public services are not meeting the needs of Ontarians and alternate methods of delivering public services without resorting to whole or partial privatization of those services. The Commission extends a special invitation to sector leaders, experts in the field of progressive tax reform, representatives of community organizations, and academics to make 10-minute oral presentations. The Commission also welcomes written submissions from members of the public that will address this mandate of its work.

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### Town Hall Forums

These evening meetings will focus on the value of public services, building stronger communities, strengthening local economies and reducing inequality. The Commission extends a special invitation to users of public services and front line service providers who deliver these services. Members of the public are invited to make three-minute submissions. Written submissions will be accepted. Submissions in the form of creative presentations are also welcome at the Town Hall forums.

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### Format for submissions to the Commission on Quality Public Services and Tax Fairness:

Name of the presenter and on whose behalf you’re speaking, or the occupational group you represent.

1. What services do you and your co-workers provide to your local community.
2. In your experience, what are the consequences of the underfunding of public services? What would be the impact of cuts?
3. What needs are going unmet in your community
4. What is the impact on service quality and public accountability when a service is delivered or financed by a private company?
5. What changes are needed to the tax system to make it more effective at funding public services and enhancing economic equality?

To register your submission for the hearing, please email: [welliott@opseu.org](mailto:welliott@opseu.org) or call **1-800-268-7376** and ask for Wendy Elliott. When emailing please include your name, workplace or your job title, Local number and secure (ie non-workplace) email address.