

## BALTA – SERC 1 – Project Update for 2008-2009 Workplan

### Project A2 – Co-operative Models of Social Care

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This project has three aspects at the present time:

- a) Completion of a report on Co-op Elder Care in Canada
- b) Completion of a research paper on Enabling Policy for Social Co-ops in BC
- c) Completion of chapter on social co-ops & the social economy in an upcoming volume – working title: The Unfinished Revolution

#### Completion of Report on Co-op Elder Care in Canada

This report is almost finished with the completion of research, dialogues sessions, and focus groups on the use of co-ops for elder care undertaken this fall and winter. The final report is scheduled for completion by May. It will be accompanied by a resolution calling for co-op sector support for a national campaign on co-op elder care to be presented to the CCA AGM in June.

#### Research Paper on Enabling Policy for Social Co-ops in BC

Student Ondrej Filip has been working with the project co-ordinator to complete this paper by May 30. A first draft has been finished and is currently under review. The paper focuses on existing obstacles and opportunities to the formation of social co-ops with respect to health care and access to training and the labour market by individuals on social assistance.

#### Completion of Chapter on Social Co-ops

The project co-ordinator has been granted a leave of absence for nine months commencing August 15 for the research and writing of the volume The Unfinished Revolution. The section on social co-ops and the social economy is already well underway with respect to research and the models to be documented, primarily in Italy. Further research and writing will continue this fall and winter with the section being scheduled for completion in May 2009.

#### Student Research Assistant – Work Outline

Ondrej Filip has been hired as the Research Assistant on this project to continue the work initiated by Allison Dunnet. Ondrej's contract ends May 31. His work focuses on the following:

- Circulating a questionnaire and conducting telephone and face-to face interviews with key informants;
- Conducting a literature review on policy and legislative issues relating to the development and operation of health care and social co-ops in BC with a focus on social assistance policy;
- Researching the use of tax and investment models for capitalizing non-profit social co-ops;
- Preparing a report on the findings.

The Lead Researcher has provided the Research Assistant with direction on the overall structure of the research and final report, the issues to be explored, the literature search, and the writing of the draft report.

#### Budget

The only anticipated costs are related to the student's continued employment for April and May, 2008:

Student base salary	\$ 1,750.00
Student Benefits/Overhead	<u>177.84</u>
<b>Total Student Costs</b>	<b>\$ 1,927.84</b>