

# OA FOOT STEPS VIG #09670

**MOTION:** To consider incorporating OA Foot Steps VIG under Canadian Federal law as a Non-Profit and allowing up to CAD \$1500 discretionary fund as needed for professional and filing fees.

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<b>CURRENT:</b> n/a	<b>PROPOSED:</b> To investigate incorporating OA Foot Steps VIG as a Non-Profit under Canadian federal law.
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**SUBMITTED BY:**  
Finance Committee

**DATE:** June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

**INTENT:** To safeguard our ongoing financial interests and to protect us against any liability issues that may arise, by considering the benefits of becoming a non-profit organization within Canada.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** Investigation into a). incorporating as a non-profit, b). understanding Canadian tax law, c). establishing our financial position as a non-profit, d). how this integrates into our bylaws, policies & procedures, and any other associated documents that might need to be considered in this process.

**TIME FRAME:** Report to be submitted to the VIG for consideration within 90 days

**COST:** Up to CAD \$1500 discretionary fund as needed for professional and filing fees.

**PRIMARY PURPOSE:** (7) Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. (8) Overeaters Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

**RATIONALE:** We are currently operating as a 'club' and are unincorporated which places us in a vulnerable situation where individuals within OA Foot Steps VIG can be held legally responsibly personally, rather than being held liable as an overall organization. Concerns may arise around financial and data privacy issues, as well as hiring special service workers.

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