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## Harmonized Sales Tax Information Bulletin #3 from Janis Hobson, TAPA Business Manager

As a member of the current H.S.T. Task Force, I am sending you an update on the HST work that TAPA has undertaken since the Harmonized Sales Tax Information Bulletin #2 was sent to you in June. The H.S.T. information from Revenue Canada is still slow in coming, however the Ministry of Finance have assured me that the Transition Rules are being written now. They couldn't give me an exact date when they would be ready but it is 75% done.

If you want to get information as it is written check out this [www.rev.gov.on.ca/](http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/), on the left hand side scroll down until you see subscribe, e-mail alerts. Then subscribe to get HST information.

We recognize that timing is critical with the H.S.T; and here are some quick updates of work that is underway:

- TAPA Executive Director Jacoba Knaapen, Roy Reeves - TAPA Board Member and also Director of Finance at the Sony Centre, Katherine Carlton – Executive Director of Orchestras Canada and Warren Garrett – Executive Director of CAPACOA met last month with members of staff of the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Finance, which was also attended by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Culture Stephen Davidson, and Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance Steve Orsini. The Ministry of Culture is committed to working toward clarity on the HST impact and discussions continue, we hope to be able to report back to the TAPA membership with some definitive details soon;
- The HST Task Force has been in contact with our counterparts on the East Coast and have been unable to ascertain the effect the H.S.T. implementation had on their organizations, in terms of relevance in scope and scale to Toronto;
- The final beta tested templates that members can use to analyze the effect of the H.S.T. on their own organization with full instructions, transitional rules, how to access H.S.T. on their own organization with full instructions, transitional rules, how to access needed information, what expertise is available to members unfortunately has been delayed as it still requires some “tweaking”. It will be sent to each TAPA member once it is ready.