



There are too many unknowns about Bill C-10 as it stands. The CRTC does not need additional powers to regulate individual Canadians' social media posts.

## C-10 targets individual internet users' posts

People are rightly alarmed about a bill that will give sweeping powers to the CRTC to regulate content posted by individual internet users.

Initially, Bill C-10 was supposed to regulate large foreign streaming services. The concept was to make companies like Netflix and Crave include a certain amount of Canadian content while individuals' user-generated content, like posts to Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram,

was supposed to be exempt.

But on April 23, while the bill was being studied at the Heritage Committee, the section that would have exempted social media posts was amended.

Also, the Liberals refused to send it to the Justice department for a Charter rights evaluation.

Critics, like former CRTC chair Peter Menzies, say it "constitutes a full-blown assault upon it (free expression),

and through it, the foundation of democracy."

The Conservatives proposed to exempt streaming services and social media with lower revenues, but this common-sense approach was rejected.

There are some indications today the Liberals may be wavering on the issue, feeling the outrage of everyday Canadians upset by the assault on free expression. As the Official Opposition, we will watching closely.

### WORKING TOGETHER

## Volunteers deliver library materials

A program where volunteers deliver library items to people at their homes has been expanded beyond Kamloops to Clinton and Barriere.

The TNRD Library Home Service pilot project delivers books, audiobooks or magazines once a month to patrons who have mobility or health issues and cannot come to the library.

It will be especially useful during these COVID times, when people who are already concerned about their health may feel isolated and need stimulation.

Plans are to expand this great service to all the communities in TNRD this year.

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