

BYRON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION

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1.0 NAME

1.1 The name of the organization shall be the Byron Community Organization.

1.2 In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, “BCO” or “Organization” means the Byron Community Organization.

2.0 PURPOSE

2.1 The BCO is a volunteer run neighbourhood association dedicated to building a vibrant and sustainable community. The purpose of the Organization is to promote, facilitate, co-ordinate, support or undertake activities that will enhance the quality of life and the local environment of Byron including, but not limited to, the following:

i) to bring residents together through social activities, educational opportunities and structured BCO committees and meetings so the members of the community can build strong and enduring ties with one another.

ii) to provide a vehicle for public participation in the preservation and enhancement of those unique qualities that have come to characterize Byron.

iii) to represent and act without partisanship, the best interests of our community.

3.0 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

3.1 In addition to the general purposes listed in 2.1, the Executive Committee at or near the beginning of each fiscal year shall adopt by majority vote, a broad statement of BCO goals for that year; and no later than the second General Meeting of the fiscal year, the Chair shall present said statement to the membership for debate, amendments if any, and adoption by majority vote.

3.2 Purposes additional to the foregoing, the Organization shall have the following powers, said powers being alterable, namely:

i) to receive funds and assets to apply in furthering the purposes of the BCO; and

ii) to enter into any contracts or arrangements with any person, corporation or institution which may further the purposes of the BCO; and

iii) to do all other things which are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the BCO.

4.0 PERSONAL FINANCIAL GAIN

The affairs of the BCO shall be conducted so as to promote the purposes of the BCO, and the BCO shall not carry on any activities for the purposes of the personal financial gain of members. The provisions of this paragraph shall be unalterable.

5.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No member holding elected political office within the Federal, Provincial or Municipal governments may continue to hold elected positions within the BCO.

6.0 FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the BCO shall end on May 31st.

7.0 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

7.1 Any member may propose an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws at any General Meeting of the BCO. If such an amendment is endorsed by three other members not related to the member proposing the amendment and twice seconded, then the specific language of the proposed amendment shall be placed in the form of a Special Resolution, advertised in the Notice of Meeting of the next General Meeting and shall be voted on at this General Meeting of the BCO.

7.2 Such amendments shall receive the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a duly constituted General Meeting of the BCO.

7.3 A quorum shall consist of at least two-thirds of the ordinary members. Where the exigencies of attendance dictate otherwise, the Chair or Vice-Chair may ask for a motion that the percentage of members present be considered to constitute a quorum.

8.0 DISSOLUTION

If the BCO is dissolved at any time, no part of its funds or property shall be distributed to or amongst its members, but after payment of all indebtedness of the BCO, the remaining funds or property shall be donated to approved charities or civic project in a manner to be determined via a majority vote by the members of the BCO.