

Special Resolutions: FGCA General Meeting April 12, 2021

Notice of Special Resolutions

At the General Meeting on April 12, 2021, members will be voting on some changes to FGCA's constitution and bylaws as below. Please note that these motions use the legal name of the FGCA, which is the Fairfield Community Association of Victoria.

Motion #1:

Be it resolved that the members of the Fairfield Community Association of Victoria repeal the [current Constitution](#) and replace it with the following Constitution, subject to approval by the Canada Revenue Agency Charities Directorate:

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA CONSTITUTION

The name of the Society is FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

The purposes of the Society are:

For residents of Fairfield Gonzales and the surrounding communities:

- *To provide essential child care and early childhood education*
- *To provide school-based counselling to at-risk youth and families;*
- *To provide recreation centres and other support facilities;*
- *To promote health by providing fitness and wellness programs;*
- *To advance education by providing training in areas of general interest, such as life skills development, language and arts;*
- *To promote volunteerism by providing opportunities to contribute to the community;*
- *To assist in addressing social issues, such as racial equality, and truth and reconciliation concerning Indigenous peoples, through education and support programs;*
- *To conduct research into the causes and effects of, and potential solutions to, social, economic, cultural and environmental issues relevant to the Fairfield Gonzales community;*

For the poor or those in need in Fairfield Gonzales and the surrounding communities:

- *To relieve poverty and provide relief during disasters and similar emergencies, through food programs, including food distribution and food production gardens.*

Rationale:

As a Canadian Registered Charity, all of our activities must be charitable, or must be 'incidental and ancillary to' our charitable activities.

The Canada Revenue Agency's Charities Directorate contacted us last year to let us know that our current constitution is too broad and does not limit us to only charitable activities.

They have guidelines for charities regarding what activities are charitable. They suggested that we adopt the purposes that we have proposed here. We have also included one additional purpose, which is a research purpose that relates to the work of some of our committees, including the Community Association Land Use Committee and Neighbourhood Improvement Committee.

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Motion #2:

Be it resolved that the members of the Fairfield Community Association of Victoria adopt the following changes to the FGCA Bylaws:

Add: 6.1 (e) Governance Committee Chair

Change: *6.11 All committees of the Board shall have terms of reference approved by the Board.* To: *6.13 All committees of the Board shall have terms of reference approved by the Board.*

Add: *6.11 The standing committees of the Society shall include the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Governance Committee.*

Add: *6.12 The Executive Committee shall be made up of the officers of the Society.*

Change: **Part 13 – Dissolution** To: **Part 14 – Dissolution**

Add:

Part 13 – Non-profit

13.1 The activities of the Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any income, profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting the purposes of the Society.

Rationale:

These changes add the Governance Committee Chair to the Executive Committee. This is common practice and will help the Board of Directors provide good governance.

This adds the Governance Chair to the other Officers of the Society; the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer

This changes the numbering to account for the addition of the new clauses 6.11 and 6.12.

This defines the minimum standing committees of the Board; previously not defined in the bylaws.

This defines the composition of the Executive Committee; previously not defined in the bylaws.

This changes the numbering to account for the addition of the next clause.

The CRA Charities directorate requested that we add this clause. It does not change how we operate, just clarifies that we operate as a non-profit.

For reference: [Current bylaws](#)

[Bylaws with proposed amendments](#)