

Constitution of

GABRIOLA ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the society is “Gabriola Island Community Hall Association.”
2. The purposes of the society are:
 - (a) to establish and maintain a Community Hall for Gabriola Island;
 - (b) to facilitate educational, recreational and cultural activities for the benefit of the Community.
3. The operations of the society are to be chiefly carried on on Gabriola Island, in the Province of British Columbia.
4. The society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the society shall be used for promoting its objects.
5. In the event of winding up or dissolution of the society, funds and assets of the society remaining after satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to such organization or organizations concerned with promoting the same object of this society, as may be determined by the members of the society at the time of winding up or dissolution, and' if effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions, then such funds shall be given or transferred to some other organizations, determined by the members of the society at the time of winding up or dissolution.
6. Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the Constitution are unalterable in accordance with the Society Act.

Rules and By-Laws For

GABRIOLA ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION

(as amended November 25, 2007)

Article I - Membership

1. Members shall be any resident of Gabriola Island, 16 years or over, who assents the purposes of the Gabriola Island Community Hall Association and has resided on Gabriola Island for a period of 6 consecutive months or more.
2. The membership fee, if any, shall be determined by the Executive Committee, subject to review by the members at a meeting of the members of the society.
3. The Executive shall determine the day in each year when the membership fee, if any, from each member shall be paid.
4. The subscribers to this Constitution and these By-Laws shall have the same rights as any other member.
5. The subscribers to this Constitution and these By-Laws shall have the same duties as any other member.
6. It is the duty of each member, in order to remain in good standing in the society, to comply with the by-laws of the society and pay when due the membership fee, if any, for the current year.

Article II - Termination of Membership

1. A person shall cease to be a member of the Society:
 - (a) by ceasing to be a resident of Gabriola Island.
 - (b) on being expelled.
2. All members are in good standing except a member who has failed to pay his current annual membership fee, if any, or other subscription or debt due and owing by him to the Society.
3. (1) A member may be expelled by a special resolution of the members passed at a general meeting.
 - (2) The notice of special resolution for expulsion shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.
 - (3) The person who is the subject of the proposed resolutions for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the specific resolution is put to a vote.

Article III - Meetings of Membership

1. There shall be one General Meeting a year which shall be the Annual Meeting, to be held during

the month of November each year at the Gabriola Island Community Hall, and on a day fixed by the Executive Committee.

2. Notices of the Annual Meeting shall be posted in conspicuous places at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting.
3. A Special Meeting can be requested if a notice is filed with the Executive along with a petition containing signatures of ten members or by the President if business demands. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be posted 14 days in advance of the meeting date in conspicuous locations.
4. The rules of procedure at a General or Special Meeting shall be determined by the Executive, or if any member objects the Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.
5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any general or special meeting of the society shall be 12 members.
6. (1) A member in good standing present at a meeting of members is entitled to one vote.
(2) Voting is by show of hands, unless the members otherwise decide.
(3) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

Article IV - Executive Committee

1. Every member of the Executive Committee must be a member of the society and shall be elected by the membership at Annual General Meeting.
2. Any vacancy in the Executive may be filled by appointment by the Executive, until elections are held at the Annual Meeting.
3. The Executive Committee shall consist of three Trustees, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three to seven Directors.
4. (1) The three trustees shall retire at the expiration of a three year term, when their successors will be elected, with one trustee to be elected each year.
(2) The remainder of the Executive Committee shall be elected each year at the annual General meeting for one term.
5. The Trustees are to act as advisory board and have the power to veto by a majority vote any action or proposal considered by them to be detrimental to the interests of the Hall and/or the Community.
6. The President shall preside at all meetings, both Executive and General or in his absence, the Vice-president.
7. The Secretary shall keep a proper set of books and shall keep a record of all business dealt with at both executive and general meetings.
8. The Treasurer must:

- (1) keep the financial records, including books of account, necessary to comply with the Society Act, and
- (2) render financial statements to the directors, members, and others when required.
9. The Directors shall assist in the management and the administration of the affairs of the society.
10. There shall be one Executive Meeting once in each three months at which 5 shall form a quorum. Each member of the Executive Committee shall be notified of every Executive Meeting at least two days prior to the date of such meeting.
11. A resolution in writing signed by all the Executive personally shall be valid and effectual as if it has been passed at a meeting of the Executive duly called and constituted.
12. No director or officer shall be remunerated for being or acting as a Director or officer but a Director or officer may be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by him while engaged in the affairs of the society.
13. Members of the Executive shall cease to hold office upon their ceasing to be members of the society.
14. The members may by specific resolution remove a Director before the expiration of his office and may elect a successor to serve to the annual meeting.

Article V - Borrowing Powers

The Executive shall not borrow money whether by overdraft or in any other form without the consent of a General Meeting.

Article VI - The Seal

1. The seal of the society shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary of the society.
2. The seal of the society shall not be affixed to any document or instrument unless authorized by the Executive and then only by and in the presence of such officers as the Executive may authorize and such persons as shall be authorized to affix the seal of the society and shall sign every instrument to which the seal is affixed in their presence.

Article VII - Inspection of Records of the Society

The books and records of the society shall be open to inspection by the members at all reasonable times at the Gabriola Island Community Hall, or by appointment with the officer who has the books or record in his custody.

Article VIII - Altering By-laws

The by-laws of the society may be amended at a Special or Annual Meeting of the society by an extraordinary resolution adopted by two-thirds majority vote of the members of the society present at any Special or Annual Meeting. Written notice of the proposed change is to be posted two weeks prior to the meeting date; the meeting to be called for not more than thirty days, not less than

fourteen days following receipt of the notice.