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**BYLAWS
of
SOUTH OKANAGAN WOMEN IN NEED SOCIETY**

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PART 1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In these Bylaws and the Constitution of the Society, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) **“Address of the Society”** means the address of the Society as filed from time to time with the Registrar in the Notice of Address;
- (b) **“Board”** means the Directors acting as authorized by the Constitution and these Bylaws in managing or supervising the management of the affairs of the Society and exercising the powers of the Society;
- (c) **“Board Resolution”** means:
 - (i) a resolution passed at a duly constituted meeting of the Board by a simple majority of the votes cast by those Directors who are present and entitled to vote at such meeting; or
 - (ii) a resolution that has been submitted to all Directors and consented to in writing by 75% of the Directors who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution in person at a meeting of the Board;
- (d) **“Bylaws”** means the bylaws of the Society as filed in the Office of the Registrar;
- (e) **“Chair”** means a Person elected to the office of Chair in accordance with these Bylaws;
- (f) **“Constitution”** means the constitution of the Society as filed in the Office of the Registrar;
- (g) **“Directors”** means those persons who have become directors in accordance with these Bylaws and have not ceased to be directors, and a “Director” means any one of them;
- (h) **“Income Tax Act”** means the *Income Tax Act*, R.S.C. 1985 (5th Supp.), c.1 as amended from time to time;
- (i) **“Members”** means the applicants for incorporation of the Society and those Persons who have subsequently become members in accordance with these Bylaws and, in either case, have not ceased to be members, and a “Member” means any one of them;

- (j) **“Mutatis Mutandis”** means necessary changes in points of detail will be made where needed, but not in substance.
- (k) **“Ordinary Resolution”** means
 - (i) a resolution passed at a general meeting by the Members by a simple majority of the votes cast in person, or
 - (ii) a resolution that has been submitted to the Members and consented to in writing by 75% of the Members who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution in person at a general meeting of the Society, and a resolution so consented to is deemed to be an Ordinary Resolution passed at a general meeting of the Society;
- (l) **“Person”** means a natural person;
- (m) **“Registered Address”** of a Member or Director means the address of that Person as recorded in the register of Members or the register of Directors;
- (n) **“Registrar”** means the Registrar of Companies of the Province of British Columbia;
- (o) **“Society”** means “SOUTH OKANAGAN WOMEN IN NEED SOCIETY”;
- (p) **“Societies Act”** means the *Societies Act* R.S.B.C. 2015, c.18, as amended from time to time; and
- (q) **“Special Resolution”** means:
 - (i) a resolution passed at a general meeting by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes of those Members who, being entitled to do so, vote in person,
 - (1) of which the notice that the Bylaws provide, and not being less than 14 days’ notice, specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution has been given, or
 - (2) if every Member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting agrees, at a meeting of which less than 14 days’ notice has been given, or
 - (ii) a resolution that has been submitted to the Members and consented to in writing by every Member who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution in person at a general meeting of the Society, and a resolution so consented to is deemed to be a Special Resolution passed at a general meeting of the Society.

1.2 Societies Act Definitions

The definitions in the *Societies Act* on the date these Bylaws become effective apply to these Bylaws and the Constitution.

PART 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Admission to Membership

Membership in the Society will be restricted to those Persons who are eligible for membership and whose application for admission has been accepted by the Directors. The members of the Society are the applicants for incorporation of the Society, and those persons who subsequently have become members, in accordance with these By-Laws, and in either case, have not ceased to be members.

2.2 Eligibility for Membership

In order to be eligible for membership, a Person must:

- (a) have submitted to the Society a completed application for membership in such form as may be approved by the Directors from time to time; and
- (b) demonstrate an interest in the purposes of the Society and a commitment to the provision of services to address violence and abuse in the lives of women and/or children; and
- (c) not be in any conflict of interest with the Society; and
- (d) not be a current employee of the Society; and
- (e) if a former employee of the Society such Person must have ceased to be an employee of the Society at least two (2) years prior to such Person's application for admission.

In the case of any ambiguity or doubt as to whether an applicant for membership is eligible for membership, such ambiguity or doubt will be resolved by the Board of Directors and their decision will be final and binding.

2.3 Membership Terms

Members will have a term of one (1) year, commencing upon the date the Member's application has been accepted in accordance with Bylaw 2.1 and expiring upon the conclusion of the annual general meeting.

2.4 Membership Renewal

A Member may renew their membership upon expiry by filling out a Renewal form to confirm that he or she continues to be eligible for membership in accordance with Bylaw 2.2(b) through (e) and paying the annual membership fee.

2.5 Expulsion of Member

A Member may be expelled by a Special Resolution.

2.6 Process for Expulsion

A Member must be given notice of any proposed Special Resolution to expel him or her and the reasons for such proposed expulsion. At the meeting at which the vote upon the Special Resolution is to be taken, the Member will be given the opportunity to address the reasons for the proposed expulsion prior to the vote being taken.

2.7 Cessation of Membership

A Person will immediately cease to be a Member:

- (a) upon the date which is the later of the date of delivering his or her resignation in writing to the secretary of the Society or to the Address of the Society and the effective date of the resignation stated thereon; or
- (b) upon the expiry of his or her term; or
- (c) upon his or her expulsion; or
- (d) upon his or her death.

2.8 Dues

There will be annual membership dues, which will be set by the board from time to time.

2.9 Standing of Members

All Members are deemed to be in good standing except those Members who have failed to renew their membership upon the expiry of its term.

2.10 Compliance with Constitution, Bylaws and Policies

Every Member will, at all times:

- (a) uphold the Constitution and comply with these Bylaws and the policies of the Society adopted by the Directors from time to time; and
- (b) further and not hinder the purposes, aims and objects of the Society.

PART 3. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

3.1 Time and Place of General Meetings

General meetings of the Society will be held at such time and place, in accordance with the *Societies Act*, as the Board of Directors decides.

3.2 Extraordinary General Meeting

Every general meeting other than an annual general meeting is an extraordinary general meeting.

3.3 Calling of Extraordinary General Meeting

The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting.

3.4 Notice of General Meeting

The Society will give not less than 14 days' written notice of a general meeting to those Members entitled to receive notice; but those Members may waive or reduce the period for a particular meeting by unanimous consent in writing

3.5 Contents of Notice

Notice of a general meeting will specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting, and, in case of special business, the general nature of that business.

3.6 Omission of Notice

The accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice by, any Member entitled to receive notice does not invalidate proceedings at that meeting.

3.7 Annual General Meetings

The first annual general meeting of the Society will be held not more than 15 months after the date of incorporation, and thereafter an annual general meeting will be held at least once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting.

PART 4. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

4.1 Special Business

Special business is:

- (a) all business at an extraordinary general meeting except the adoption of rules of order; and
- (b) all business that is transacted at an annual general meeting, except:
 - (i) the adoption of rules of order;
 - (ii) the consideration of the financial statements;
 - (iii) the consideration of the report of the Directors;
 - (iv) the consideration of the report of the auditor, if any;
 - (v) the election of Directors;
 - (vi) the appointment of the auditor, if required; and

- (vii) such other business that, under these Bylaws or any governing statutes, ought to be transacted at an annual general meeting, or business which is brought under consideration by the report of the Directors if the report was issued with the notice of the meeting.

4.2 Requirement of Quorum

No business, other than the election of a Person to chair the meeting and the adjournment or termination of the meeting, will be conducted at a general meeting at a time when a quorum is not present.

4.3 Loss of Quorum

If at any time during a general meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress will be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.

4.4 Quorum

A quorum is 3 members present or such greater number as the members may determine at a general meeting.

4.5 Lack of Quorum

If within 30 minutes from the time appointed for a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, will be terminated; but in any other case it will stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, and if, at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present will constitute a quorum.

4.6 Chair

The Chair of the Society will, subject to a Board Resolution appointing another Person, chair all general meetings; but if at any general meeting the Chair, or such alternate Person appointed by a Board Resolution, is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting or requests that he or she not chair that meeting, the Members present may choose one of their number to chair that meeting.

4.7 Alternate Chair

If a Person presiding as chair of a general meeting wishes to step down as chair for all or part of that meeting, he or she may designate an alternate to chair such meeting or portion thereof, and upon such designated alternate receiving the consent of a majority of the Members present at such meeting, he or she may preside as chair.

4.8 Adjournment

A general meeting may be adjourned from time to time and from place to place, but no business will be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

4.9 Notice of Adjournment

It is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting except where a meeting is adjourned for more than 14 days, in which case notice of the adjourned meeting will be given as in the case of the original meeting.

4.10 Ordinary Resolution Sufficient

Any issue at a general meeting which is not required by these Bylaws or the *Societies Act* to be decided by a Special Resolution will be decided by an Ordinary Resolution.

4.11 Entitlement to Vote

Each Member is entitled to one vote, either by being present at the meeting or by having delivered a written ballot to the secretary. For purposes of voting at each year's AGM, membership must have been established in accordance with Bylaw 2.1 by May 15th of the same year.

4.12 No Casting Vote

In case of an equality of votes, the Person presiding as chair of a general meeting will not have a casting or second vote in addition to the vote the Person presiding as chair may be entitled to as a Member and the proposed resolution will not pass.

4.13 Decisions by Show of Hands, Voice Vote or Secret Ballot

Voting will be by show of hands or voice vote recorded by the secretary of the meeting, except that, at the request of any two Members present at the meeting, a secret vote by written ballot will be required.

4.14 Voting by Proxy

Voting by proxy is not permitted.

4.15 Ordinary Resolution in Writing

A resolution in writing which is identified as an Ordinary Resolution and signed by a minimum of 75% of the Members who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution at a general meeting of the Society is as valid and effectual as an Ordinary Resolution as if it had been passed at a meeting of Members duly called and constituted and will be deemed to be an Ordinary Resolution. Such a resolution may be in two or more counterparts which together will be deemed to constitute one Ordinary Resolution in writing. Such Ordinary Resolution will be filed with minutes of the proceedings of the Members and will be deemed to be passed on the date stated therein or, in the absence of such a date being stated, on the latest date stated on any counterpart.

PART 5. DIRECTORS

5.1 Powers of Directors

The Board may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as the Society may exercise and do, and which are not by these Bylaws or by statute or otherwise lawfully directed or required to be exercised or done by the Members in general meeting, but nevertheless subject to the provisions of:

- (a) all laws affecting the Society; and
- (b) these Bylaws and the Constitution.

5.2 Management of Property and Affairs

The property and the affairs of the Society will be managed by the Board.

5.3 Number of Directors

The number of Directors will no be less than five nor more than eleven.

5.4 Director Must be a Member

A Person must be a Member of the Society to be eligible to be a Director of the Society.

5.5 Election of Directors

Directors will be elected by the Members at a general meeting and will take office commencing at the close of such meeting.

5.6 Term of Office

Elections for Directors will normally be held at the annual general meeting and the term of office of Directors will normally be two years. However the Directors may by resolution determine that some or all vacant Directors' positions will have a term of less than two years, the length of such term to be determined by the Directors in their discretion. For purposes of calculating the duration of a Director's term of office, the term will be deemed to commence at the close of the annual general meeting at which such Director was elected. If, however, the Director was elected at an extraordinary general meeting his or her term of office will be deemed to have commenced at the close of the annual general meeting next following such extraordinary general meeting.

5.7 Consecutive Terms

Directors may be elected for consecutive terms.

5.8 Term Limit

A Director may serve for no more than 4 consecutive terms.

5.9 Election by Secret Ballot

In elections where there are more candidates than vacant positions for Directors, election will be by secret ballot with the name of each duly nominated candidate appearing individually on the ballot. Candidates will be deemed to be elected in order of those candidates receiving the most votes.

5.10 Voiding of Ballot

No Member will vote for more Directors than the number of vacant positions for Directors. Any ballot on which more names are voted for than there are vacant positions will be deemed to be void.

5.11 Replacement of Directors

Notwithstanding the foregoing Bylaws, if a Director ceases to hold office, the Board may appoint a Person as a replacement Director to take the place of such Director until the next annual general meeting.

5.12 Invalidation of Acts

No act or proceeding of the Board is invalid by reason only of there being less than the prescribed number of Directors in office.

5.13 Ceasing to be a Director

A Person will automatically cease to be a Director:

- (a) upon the date which is the later of the date of delivering his or her resignation in writing to the secretary of the Society or to the Address of the Society and the effective date of the resignation stated therein; or
- (b) upon the date such Person is no longer a Member; or
- (c) upon the expiry of his or her term; or
- (d) upon his or her removal; or
- (e) upon his or her death.

5.14 Reimbursement of Directors' Expenses

Directors may not be remunerated in any capacity, however Directors may be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred while acting on behalf of the Society. The Society will not alter or delete this bylaw without first obtaining the written consent of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission.

5.15 Powers of the Board

The Board will have the power to make expenditures, including grants, gifts and loans, whether or not secured or interest-bearing, in furtherance of the purposes of the Society. The Board will

also have the power to enter into trust arrangements or contracts on behalf of the Society in furtherance of the purposes of the Society.

5.16 Investment of Property and Standard of Care

If the Board is required to invest funds on behalf of the Society, the Board may invest the property of the Society in any form of property or security in which a prudent investor might invest. The standard of care required of the Directors is that they will exercise the care, skill, diligence and judgment that a prudent investor would exercise in making investments in light of the purposes and distribution requirements of the Society.

5.17 Investment in Mutual or Pooled Funds, Stocks, Bonds

The property of the Society may be invested by the Board, or by any agent or delegate of the Board, in any mutual fund, common trust fund, pooled fund, stocks, bonds or similar investment.

5.18 Investment Advice

The Directors may obtain advice with respect to the investment of the property of the Society and may rely on such advice if a prudent investor would rely upon the advice under comparable circumstances.

5.19 Delegation of Investment Authority to Agent

The Directors may delegate to a stockbroker, investment dealer, or investment counsel the degree of authority with respect to the investment of the Society's property that a prudent investor might delegate in accordance with ordinary business practice.

PART 6. PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

6.1 Procedure of Meetings

After issuance of the certificate of incorporation, a meeting of the Board will be held at which the Directors may:

- (a) appoint officers;
- (b) make banking arrangements;
- (c) appoint an auditor to hold office until the first annual general meeting; and
- (d) transact any other business.

Subsequent meetings of the Board may be held at any time and place determined by the Board, provided that two days' notice of such meeting will be sent to each Director. However, no formal notice will be necessary if all Directors were present at the preceding meeting when the time and place of the meeting were determined or are present at the meeting or waive notice thereof in writing or give a prior verbal waiver to the secretary of the Society.

6.2 Quorum

The Board may from time to time fix the quorum necessary to transact business and, unless so fixed, the quorum will be a majority of the Directors.

6.3 Chair of Meetings

The President of the Society will, subject to a Board Resolution appointing another Person, chair all meetings of the Board; but if at any Board meeting the Chair or such alternate Person appointed by a Board Resolution is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, or requests that he or she not chair that meeting, the Directors present may choose one of their number to chair that meeting.

6.4 Alternate Chair

If the Person presiding as chair of a meeting of the Board wishes to step down as chair for all or part of that meeting, he or she may designate an alternate to chair such meeting or portion thereof, and upon such designated alternate receiving the consent of a majority of the Directors present at such meeting, he or she may preside as chair.

6.5 Calling of Meetings

A Director may at any time, and the secretary at the request of a Director will, convene a meeting of the Board.

6.6 Notice

For the purposes of the first meeting of the Board held immediately following the appointment or election of a Director or Directors at an annual or other general meeting, or for the purposes of a meeting of the Board at which a Director is appointed to fill a vacancy in the Board, it is not necessary to give notice of the meeting to the newly elected or appointed Director or Directors for the meeting to be properly constituted.

6.7 Passing Resolutions

Any issue at a meeting of the Board which is not required by these Bylaws or the *Societies Act* to be decided by a resolution requiring more than a simple majority will be decided by Board Resolution.

6.8 No Casting Vote

The Person chairing a meeting may vote but, if he or she does so and the result is a tie, he or she will not be permitted to vote again to break the tie and the resolution being voted on will be deemed to have failed.

6.9 Procedure for Voting

Voting will be by show of hands or voice vote recorded by the secretary of the meeting except that, at the request of any one Director, a secret vote by written ballot will be required.

6.10 Resolution in Writing

A Board Resolution in writing which has been deposited with the secretary is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly called and constituted. Such Board Resolution may be in two or more counterparts which together will be deemed to constitute one resolution in writing. Such resolution will be filed with minutes of the proceedings of the Board and will be deemed to be passed on the date stated therein or, in the absence of such a date being stated, on the latest date stated on any counterpart.

PART 7. – COMMITTEES

7.1 Standing and Special Committees

The Board may create such standing and special committees as may from time to time be required. Any such committee will limit its activities to the purpose or purposes for which it is appointed and will have no powers except those specifically conferred by a Board Resolution. Unless specifically designated as a standing committee, any special committee so created must be created for a specified time period only. Upon completion of the earlier of the specified time period or the task for which it was appointed, a special committee will automatically be dissolved.

7.2 Delegation to Committees

The Board may delegate any, but not all, of its powers to committees which may be in whole or in part composed of Directors as it thinks fit.

7.3 Terms of Reference and Rules

In the event the Board decides to create a committee, it must establish Terms of Reference for such committee. A committee, in the exercise of the powers delegated to it, will conform to any rules that may from time to time be imposed by the Board in the Terms of Reference or otherwise, and will report every act or thing done in exercise of those powers at the next meeting of the Board held after it has been done, or at such other time or times as the Board may determine.

7.4 Meetings

The members of a committee may meet and adjourn as they think proper and meetings of the committees will be governed *mutatis mutandis* (by reading in the necessary changes to who's presiding in the offices as directors) by the rules set out in these Bylaws governing proceedings of the Board.

PART 8. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

8.1 Election of Officers

At the first meeting of the Board, the Board will elect the officers. All officers must be Directors. The Board will elect a Chair, together with such other officers as are required in accordance with

these Bylaws, who will hold office until the first meeting of the Board held after the next following annual general meeting.

8.2 Secretary and Treasurer Required

The Board will appoint a secretary and treasurer and may appoint and remove such other officers of the Society as it deems necessary and determine the duties, responsibilities and term, if any, of all officers.

8.3 Removal of Officers

A Person may be removed as an officer by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Directors present.

8.4 Replacement

Should the Chair or any other officer for any reason not be able to complete his or her term, the Board will remove such officer from his or her office and will elect a replacement without delay.

8.5 Duties of Chair

The Chair will supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties and will preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board.

8.6 Duties of Secretary

The secretary will be responsible for making the necessary arrangements for:

- (a) the issuance of notices of meetings of the Society and the Board;
- (b) the keeping of minutes of all meetings of the Society and the Board;
- (c) the custody of all records and documents of the Society, except those required to be kept by the treasurer;
- (d) the maintenance of the register of Members; and
- (e) the conduct of the correspondence of the Society.

8.7 Duties of Treasurer

The treasurer will be responsible for making the necessary arrangements for:

- (a) the keeping of such financial records, reports and returns, including books of account, as are necessary to comply with the *Societies Act* and the *Income Tax Act*; and
- (b) the rendering of financial statements to the Directors, Members and others, when required.

8.8 Absence of Secretary at Meeting

If the secretary is absent from any meeting of the Society or the Board, the Directors present will appoint another person to act as secretary at that meeting.

8.9 Combination of Offices of Secretary and Treasurer

The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by one Person who will be known as the SecretaryTreasurer.

PART 9. – EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

9.1 Execution of Instruments

Contracts, documents or instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Society may be signed by:

- (a) the Chair, together with the secretary or the treasurer, or
- (b) any two Directors

and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed will be binding upon the Society without any further authorization or formality. The Board will have power from time to time by Board Resolution to appoint any officer or officers, or any Person or Persons, on behalf of the Society either to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing generally or to sign specific contracts, documents or instruments in writing.

PART 10. BORROWING

10.1 Powers of Directors

In order to carry out the purposes of the Society, the Board may, on behalf of and in the name of the Society, raise or secure the payment or repayment of money in any manner it decides, including the granting of guarantees, and in particular, but without limiting the foregoing, by the issue of debentures.

10.2 Restrictions on Borrowing Powers

The Members may by Ordinary Resolution restrict the borrowing powers of the Board, but a restriction so imposed expires at the next annual general meeting.

PART 11. AUDITOR

11.1 Requirement

The Society is not required to be audited; however, if it wishes to be audited, it is required to appoint an external auditor with the qualifications set out in the *Societies Act*.

11.2 Appointment of Auditor at Annual General Meeting

If the Society wishes to appoint an auditor at or after its first annual general meeting, that auditor will be appointed at an annual general meeting, to hold office until he, she or it is reappointed or his, her or its successor is appointed at the next following annual general meeting in accordance with the procedures set out in the *Societies Act* or until the Society no longer wishes to appoint an auditor.

11.3 Removal of Auditor

An auditor may be removed by Ordinary Resolution in accordance with the procedures set out in the *Societies Act*.

11.4 Notice of Appointment

An auditor will be promptly informed in writing of his, her or its appointment or removal.

11.5 Restrictions on Appointment

No Director or employee of the Society will act as auditor.

11.6 Attendance at Annual General Meetings

The auditor may attend general meetings.

PART 12. NOTICES

12.1 Entitlement to Notice

Notices of a general meeting will be given to:

- (a) every Person shown on the register of Members as a Member on the day the notice is given; and
- (b) the auditor.

No other Person is entitled to be given notice of a general meeting.

12.2 Method of Giving Notice

A notice may be given to a Member or a Director either personally, by delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, or by first class mail posted to such Person's Registered Address.

12.3 When Notice Deemed to have been Received

A notice sent by mail will be deemed to have been given on the day following that on which the notice was posted. In proving that notice has been given, it is sufficient to prove the notice was properly addressed and put in a Canadian Government post office receptacle with adequate postage affixed, provided that if, between the time of posting and the deemed giving of the notice, a mail strike or other labour dispute which might reasonably be expected to delay the

delivery of such notice by the mails occurs, then such notice will only be effective when actually received. Any notice delivered either personally, by delivery, facsimile, or electronic mail will be deemed to have been given on the day it was so delivered or sent.

12.4 Days to be Counted in Notice

If a number of days' notice or a notice extending over any other period is required to be given, the day the notice is given or deemed to have been given and the day on which the event for which notice is given will not be counted in the number of days required.

PART 13. MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 Inspection of Records

The documents, including the books of account, of the Society and the minutes of meetings of the Society and the Board will be open to the inspection of the Directors. The minutes of any meeting of the Society will be open to the inspection of Members in good standing upon reasonable notice to the keeper of such documents but the Members will not be entitled or have the right to inspect any other document of the Society not noted in the Societies Act.

13.2 Participation in Meetings

Any meeting of the Society, the Board or any committee, may also be held, or any Member, Director or committee member may participate in any meeting of the Society, the Board or any committee, by telephone or video conference call or similar communication equipment as long as all the Members, Directors, or Persons participating in the meeting can hear and respond to one another. All such Members, Directors, or Persons so participating in any such meeting will be deemed to be present in person at the stated location of such meeting and, notwithstanding the foregoing Bylaws, will be entitled to vote by a voice vote recorded by the secretary of such meeting. This method of voting will from time to time be used for passing resolutions.

13.3 Rules Governing Notice, Board Resolutions and Ordinary Resolutions

The rules governing when notice is deemed to have been given set out in these Bylaws will apply *mutatis mutandis* (as altered from time to time, as the case may be) to determine when a Board Resolution will be deemed to have been submitted to all of the Directors and when an Ordinary Resolution will be deemed to have been submitted to all of the Members.

13.4 Right to become Member of other Society

The Society will have the right to subscribe to, become a member of, and cooperate with any other society, corporation or association whose purposes or objectives are in whole or in part similar to the Society's purposes.

PART 14. INDEMNIFICATION

14.1 Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Subject to the provisions of the *Societies Act*, each Director and each officer of the Society will be indemnified by the Society against all costs, charges and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any claim, action, suit or proceeding to which that Person may be made a party by reason of being or having been a Director or officer of the Society.

14.2 Indemnification of Past Directors and Officers

To the extent permitted by the *Societies Act*, the Society will indemnify and hold harmless every Person heretofore now or hereafter serving as a Director or officer of the Society and that Person's heirs and personal representative.

14.3 Advancement of Expenses

To the extent permitted by the *Societies Act*, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by a Director or officer with respect to any claim, action, suit or proceeding may be advanced by the Society prior to the final disposition thereof, in the discretion of the Board, and upon receipt of an undertaking satisfactory in form and amount to the Board by or on behalf of the recipient to repay such amount unless it is ultimately determined that the recipient is entitled to indemnification hereunder.

14.4 Approval of Court and Term of Indemnification

The Society will apply to the court for any approval of the court which may be required to ensure that the indemnities herein are effective and enforceable. Each Director and each officer of the Society on being elected or appointed will be deemed to have contracted with the Society upon the terms of the foregoing indemnities.

14.5 Indemnification not Invalidated by Non-Compliance

The failure of a Director or officer of the Society to comply with the provisions of the *Society Act*, or of the Constitution or these Bylaws, will not invalidate any indemnity to which he or she is entitled under this part.

14.6 Purchase of Insurance

The Society may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any or all Directors, officers, employees or agents against personal liability incurred by any such Person as a Director, officer, employee or agent.

PART 15. BYLAWS

15.1 Entitlement of Members to copy of Constitution and Bylaws

On being admitted to membership, each Member is entitled to, and upon request will be provided with a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.

PART 16. PREVIOUSLY UNALTERABLE PROVISIONS

16.1 Winding Up or Dissolution of Society

In the event of winding-up or dissolution of the Society, funds and assets of the Society remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to such organization or organizations concerned with the social problems or organizations promoting the same purposes as 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, provided however that such organization referred to in this paragraph shall be a registered charity recognized by Revenue Canada Taxation as being qualified as such under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of Canada from time to time in effect. This provision was previously unalterable.

16.2 Without Purpose of Gain

The purposes of the Society shall be carried out without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes. This provision was previously unalterable.

16.3 Without Remuneration

The directors shall serve without remuneration and the directors shall not receive directly or indirectly, any profits from their positions as directors, but may be paid expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. This provision was previously unalterable.

16.4 Location

The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on within the City of Penticton, British Columbia and the surrounding districts thereof. This provision was previously unalterable.

16.5 Non Profit, Non Political and Non-Religious

This is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious organization. The Society shall subscribe to and adhere to the provisions contained in provincial and federal legislations on human rights. This provision was previously unalterable.

PART 17. COMMISSION

17.1 Protection of Housing Purposes

The Society will not alter or delete the housing purposes set out in paragraph 2 a and b of its constitution without first obtaining the written consent of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission.