STREETSVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
BY-LAWS

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These By-laws in addition to our Constitution shall govern the operation of the Streetsville Horticultural Society (the "Society"). The By-laws may be amended from time to time at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

BYLAW I - MEMBERSHIP

Family membership shall cover members of a family residing at the same address. A maximum of two (2) adults and all children under the age of eighteen are covered by a family membership. However, at any meeting a family membership is limited to two votes as voting is limited to those who are at least eighteen years old. A Youth member aged 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

BYLAW II - MEMBERSHIP FEES

The annual membership fee shall be: Single--------$25.00; Family--------$40.00
The Society will pay the annual membership fee of $1.00 for any life members of the Society participating in the activities of the Society.

BYLAW III - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society is automatically terminated when:

(a) the member dies or is dissolved.

(b) the member resigns in writing.

(c) the member is removed in accordance with section 4.

(d) the member fails to pay membership dues, if applicable; or

(e) the Society is liquidated or dissolved under the *Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act*.

BYLAW IV - Discipline of Members

(a) A member may be suspended or removed from the Society for any one or more of the following grounds as long as the procedure set out in this section 4 has been followed:

(i) violating any provision of the Constitution, By-laws, Code of Conduct or other policies of the Society; or

(ii) carrying out any other conduct which may be detrimental to the Society.

(b) In order to suspend or remove a member from the Society, a director or member who believes that another member has acted in a manner contrary to section 4(a) or 4(a)(ii) of these By-laws may make a complaint (the "Complaint") and provide it to the Board of Directors for resolution in the manner set out in the following sections. The
Complaint shall be made in writing, setting out particulars of the alleged conduct contrary to section 4(a) or 4(a)(ii) and must be delivered to a director of the Society within 90 days following the incident or event upon which the Complaint is based.

(c) At the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall strike an ad hoc committee composed of 3 directors (the "Conduct Committee") to investigate the Complaint. All other terms of reference for the Conduct Committee shall be made in accordance with Article VIII, Section 3(e) of the Society's Constitution.

(d) Within 5 days of receiving the Complaint from the Board of Directors, the Conduct Committee shall provide notice (the "Notice") of the Complaint to the member whose conduct has been complained of (the "Investigated Member") and shall provide reasons for the proposed suspension or removal from the Society. The Investigated Member may make written submissions to the Conduct Committee in response to the Notice (the "Response"), which Response must be received by the Conduct Committee within 10 days of the Notice being provided to the Investigated Member (the "Response Period").

(e) The investigation of the Conduct Committee shall be completed within 30 days of receiving the Response, but if no Response is received within the Response Period, then the investigation shall be completed within 30 days following the expiration of the Response Period, whereupon the Conduct Committee shall furnish a written report to the Board of Directors for discussion at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The Conduct Committee's report shall set out the Complaint and the Response, if any, and shall provide recommendations for action by the Conduct Committee, the Board of Directors or the Investigated Member. Recommendations may include, but are not limited to, no action required, written warning and termination of membership. If an Investigated Member is terminated, the membership fee paid by such member will be refunded.

(f) At the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors following distribution of the Conduct Committee's report, the Board of Directors shall take a vote regarding whether to adopt the recommendations of the Conduct Committee. Any vote to accept the Conduct Committee's recommendations shall require the approval of a simple majority of the directors present at such meeting unless recommendations for action include terminating the Investigated Member's membership. In the event that the Conduct Committee recommends terminating the Investigated Member's membership, such termination must be approved by two-thirds of the directors present at such meeting.

(g) The Board of Directors will notify the Investigated Member concerning the final decision regarding his or her suspension or removal from the Society within 10 days of such decision being made. The decision will be final and binding on the Investigated Member, without any further right of appeal.

BYLAW V - MEETINGS

(a) General Meetings shall be held monthly, except in July and August, on the second Tuesday of the month.

(b) The Annual General Meeting shall be on the second Tuesday of November.

(c) The Board of Directors shall meet at least three times a year and may meet in person, or virtually, via email, telephone or other videoconferencing means such as Zoom, Google meets, and other technologies.

BYLAW VI - VOTING

If a virtual meeting is held members may vote anonymously by videoconferencing means such as Zoom, Google meets, and other technologies that can provide anonymous voting.

BYLAW VII - EXECUTIVE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) The President (the Co-Presidents) and/or the Vice-President shall not hold their respective offices for more than two consecutive terms of two (2) years.

(b) The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from among the directors elected by the members at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, and hold office for a period of one year, renewable. They shall have full voting rights at the Board of Directors' Meetings.

(c) The immediate past President (one or both of the immediate past Co-Presidents) shall be an ex-officio member of the current Board of Directors and shall have full voting rights.

(d) The Nominating Committee shall be established each year and shall consist of the President (a Co-President), the Vice-President and one member at large.

BYLAW VIII – SIGNING AUTHORITY

(a) The Treasurer and either the President (a Co-President) or the Secretary shall sign all cheques.

(b) The President (a Co-President) shall sign all contracts and rental agreements on behalf of the Society.

(c) Documents that require a signature may be signed manually, electronically or virtually.

BYLAW IX - BANKING

The monies of the Society shall be deposited at a Canadian chartered bank.

BYLAW X – FINANCIAL REVIEWS

The Society's accounts shall be reviewed annually and whenever there is a change in Treasurer. The financial records of the Society shall be reviewed by at least two qualified individuals. Volunteer reviewers must not be current members of the Executive or Board, be related to one another, be related to any member of the Executive or Board or be living with/cohabitating with any member of the Executive or Board.

Approved by the Members of the Society on the 12th day of November 2024

M.Dodd _____ S.Dodd _____

Co-President: Maureen Dodd Co-President: Shelley Dodd