STREETSVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the STREETSVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, henceforth referred to as "the Society".

ARTICLE II - AUTHORITY

The Society is organized under the authority of the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act of the Province of Ontario, and all articles of the constitution shall be read to conform to said Act.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The object of the Society is to encourage interest and improvement in horticulture in the following ways by:

1. Holding meetings respecting the theory and practice of horticulture
2. Encouraging the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers on public and private grounds
3. Promoting outdoor art, public beautification and gardening on balconies and plots
4. Ongoing field trips, contests, competitions and exhibitions relating to horticulture and awarding prizes
5. Distributing seeds, plants, bulbs, flowers, trees and shrubs
6. Promoting the protection of the environment
7. Promoting the circulation of horticultural information through any media
8. Promoting the benefits of therapeutic horticulture and
9. Stimulating an interest in the study of horticulture.

The Society shall not expend more than one-half of its total annual receipts, other than grants or donations made for specific purposes, upon any one of the purposes listed above, except for planting trees, shrubs and plants on public grounds and for the promotion of outdoor art and public beautification.

ARTICLE IV - HEAD OFFICE

The head office of the Society shall be located in Streetsville in the City of Mississauga in the Province of Ontario and at such place therein as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Society.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person who has attained the age of 18 years shall be entitled to become a voting member of the Society.
2. A Firm or Incorporated Company may become a member by payment of the regular fee, but the name of one person only in any one year may be entered as the representative or agent of such Firm or Company, and that person only shall exercise the privileges of membership in the Society.
3. The requirement for membership is payment of the annual membership fee as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.
4. A member shall be entitled to participate in the activities of the Society as shall be defined by the Board of Directors each year and may vote and hold office in the Society. Members are allowed to vote after paying their membership fee.
5. 80% of the members of the Society shall be residents of Mississauga.
6. Associate membership is open to those who do not meet all the requirements for full membership but nevertheless declare an intention to pursue the stated purposes of the Society. Associate members shall not have voting rights or be eligible to serve as officers of the Society.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall include a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twelve (12) elected Directors.
2. At each Annual Meeting the members shall elect from among themselves a sufficient number of Directors to make up the determined number of Board members. Each Director will be elected for a term of two (2) years.
3. The elected directors shall be eligible for re-election at the end of each term.
4. The Board of Directors (henceforth referred to as "the Board") shall consist of the President (or Co-Presidents), Vice President, Past President (or Past Co-Presidents), Secretary (or Co- Secretaries), Treasurer, and the elected Directors.
5. In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board by the death or resignation of any officer or director, or otherwise (e.g., by failure to attend at least five Board of Directors meetings during the year) the remaining members of the Board shall have power to appoint any member of the Society to fill such vacancy provided that, when three or more vacancies occur at the same time, a special general meeting of the Society shall be called, and directors elected to fill the vacancies.
6. The Board shall have power to act for and on behalf of Society in all matters, subject to the by-laws and regulations of the Society.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

1. The members shall elect from among themselves at the Annual Meeting a President (Co-Presidents) and Vice President, to be known as the officers of the Society.
2. The Board from among themselves or other members in good standing shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Board, acting under the control and with the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

1. Annual Meeting
a) The Annual Meeting shall be held in person on the second Tuesday in November each year, or as determined by the Board (within 90 days of the year end) at a time and place determined by the Board. At least 10-50 days notice shall be provided by publishing it in the society newsletter.
b) Twenty (20) members present shall constitute a quorum.
c) At the Annual Meeting:
(i) The Board shall present a report of the activities and accomplishments of the Society and a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures of the Society, since the last Annual Meeting and a statement of the Society's assets and liabilities as reviewed by the Financial Examiners
(ii) the Directors shall be elected:
(iii) the Financial Examiners shall be elected:
(iv) the membership secretary will make available a list of those members eligible to vote and hold office as determined in Article V (3) and (4).
2. Special General Meetings
A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary upon the direction of the Board whenever this seems desirable, or upon the receipt of a request signed by 20 members of the Society. Notice of all special meetings, with a statement of the subjects to be discussed, amendments to the Constitution, ratification of appointed Directors or such other matters as the Board may determine, shall be sent to all members at least 14 days prior to said meeting. Twenty (20) Members present shall constitute a quorum at this Meeting.
3. General Meetings
a) Regular meetings shall be held in person monthly at a time and place determined by the Board.
b) Twenty (20) members present shall constitute a quorum. A General Meeting may decide on all matters brought to it by the Board.
4. Board Meetings
a) A meeting of the Board will be called by the Secretary upon the direction of the President or any three members of the Board, by sending notice thereof to all members of the Board at least seven days before the time fixed for the meeting.
b) One half of the members of the Board, being present, shall constitute a quorum.
c) Voting. All Board members present are eligible to vote, and in the case of a tie the President shall cast the deciding vote.
d) Powers & Duties. In addition to other specific powers and duties assigned elsewhere in this constitution, the Board shall:
(i) take the initiative in preparing general policies and actions for consideration and possible adoption by the membership
(ii) put into effect all policies and actions approved by the membership
(iii) have power to enter into contracts in the name of the Society in accordance with policies and practices approved by the membership:
(iv) be responsible for management of the affairs of the Society between general meetings.
5. Committees and Subcommittees
The Board may from time to time establish committees and subcommittees in order

to conduct its business more effectively. All such committees are accountable to the Board which shall define the status and responsibility of each. The terms of reference for each committee shall include:
a) The status of the committee (standing or ad hoc)
b) The type of committee (discussion, working, taskforce, and so on)
c) The overall purpose
d) Any specific directives defining goals or tasks
e) The relationship to any other similar committees or overlapping activities of the Society
f) The composition, including statements as to whether there are designated observers, whether any officers are appointed as full or associate members, and whether the chair is granted authority to co-opt additional members
g) Special assignments of any particular members
h) Any special mode of operation
i) An upper limit on expenses the committee may incur
j) Preferred time and method of reporting

ARTICLE IX - FINANCES

1. The fiscal year of the Society shall be from September 1st to August 31st.
2. All expenditures shall require approval by a motion passed at either a General Meeting or a Board Meeting.
3. Remuneration. No officer, director or member of the Society shall receive any pay for carrying out duties as officer, director or member, but travelling and living expenses may be allowed any such person while engaged in duties on behalf of the Society, and the Board may fix the amount of reimbursement of living and travelling expenses to be payable out of the funds of the Society.
4. The financial accounts and other records of the Society shall be made available for inspection by members upon reasonable request.

ARTICLE X - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Society on all procedural matters not covered by the By-laws.

ARTICLE XI - CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. This constitution can be amended at the Annual Meeting of the Society provided any proposed amendments are received by the Secretary on or before the 31st day of August preceding the Annual Meeting, and providing that notice is sent to all members at least two weeks before the meeting.
2. By-laws of the constitution may be made, adopted, amended or repealed by the Board provided they are confirmed at a general or annual meeting of the Society.
3. All regulations as set forth in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, as it may be revised from time to time, shall become a part of this constitution.

ARTICLE XII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS, SECRETARY AND TREASURER

1. The Officers of the Society are responsible for the safe custody of:
a) All deeds, title papers and other documents relating to the Society's property or contractual obligations
b) At least one copy of the minutes of proceedings, resolutions, by -laws and constitution of the Society
c) Books and records of the Society.
2. The Secretary shall:
a) Attend all meetings of the Society and keep true minutes thereof
b) Conduct the correspondence of the Society, and
c) Keep a record of:
(i) all business transactions of the Society
(ii) all resolutions passed by the Society
(iii) all the amendments to the by-laws of the Society
(iv) a list of members and their addresses; a list of the names and addresses of persons to whom prize money is paid and the amount paid
(v) all reports of committees that may from time to time be appointed by the Society, and
(vi) all annual statements and financial and auditor's reports.
3. The Treasurer shall:
a) Receive all monies paid to the Society and deposit them to the Society in a chartered bank, as the Society may by resolution direct
b) Keep the securities of the Society in safe custody
c) Keep or cause to be kept proper books of account, or make or cause to be made entries of all receipts and expenditures of the Society
d) Prepare the annual financial statement of the Society, and
e) Prepare reports showing the financial position of the Society, as the officers may from time to time direct.

ARTICLE Xll 1 – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Society, the procedure is as outlined in The Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter A.9 Article 20

Approved by the members on the 12th day of November 2024

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