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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 - INTERPRETATION

1. In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - a) “directors” means the directors of the society for the time being;
 - b) “Societies Act” means the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
 - c) “registered address” of a member means his address as recorded in the register of members;
 - d) “Society” means JOE RICH RATEPAYER’S AND TENANT’S SOCIETY;
 - e) “ordinary resolution” means a resolution passed in a general meeting by the members of a society by a simple majority of the votes cast in person;
 - f) “special resolution” means a resolution passed in a general meeting by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes of those members of a society being who, entitled to do so, vote in person
 - i. 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
 - ii. if every member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting so agrees, at a meeting of which less than 14 days has been given.
2. Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa; and words importing a male person include a female person and a corporation.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

1. The members of the Society are the subscribers of the Constitution and By-laws and include every other person who agrees to become a member.
2. Every person is eligible for membership in the Society provided they meet the following conditions:

- a) is 19 years of age or more;
 - b) is either a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
 - c) has been a resident or property owner in the Joe Rich Service Area Boundaries as defined by the Regional District of Central Okanagan for at least 3 months;
 - d) has paid any applicable membership dues;
 - e) has registered with the Society by signing the attendance journal at one monthly meeting in the proceeding calendar year.
3. A person shall cease to be a member upon:
- a) mailing or delivering his resignation, in writing to the secretary of the Society or to the address of the Society;
 - b) failing to meet eligibility of membership;
 - c) death;
 - d) on being expelled; or
 - e) on having been a member not in good standing for 12 consecutive months.
4. (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 is accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.
- (3) The person who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote.
- (4) The expulsion of a member from the Society shall be considered with the greatest of reluctance and only for the most extreme offenses.

- 5 All members are in good standing except a member who has failed to pay his current annual membership fee or any other subscriptions or debt due and owing by him to the Society and he is not in good standing so long as the debt remains unpaid.

ARTICLE 3 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of January. General meetings will be held as determined by the membership of the Society. Special meetings may be called with a majority vote of the Executive.
2. Notice of the Annual General Meeting or special meetings specifying the place, the date and time of the meeting shall be given to all members 14 days prior to the meeting, by notice in writing mailed to the registered address of the members.

ARTICLE 4 - ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

1. The Executive shall have no special powers and shall perform only such duties as approved by the membership.
2. No director shall be remunerated for being or acting as a director but a director may be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by him while engaged in the affairs of the Society.
3. The Society Executive shall be duly elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of seven (7) members including President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer and three (3) directors.
4. The elected executive shall hold office, subject to these bylaws, for a period of 2 years. Elections will be held at the annual general meeting, with the President, Secretary, and two directors being elected in even years, and the Vice-president, Treasurer and one director being elected in odd years. No member can serve more than two consecutive two year terms. An executive member who ceases to be a member of the Society shall cease to be a member of the Executive.
5. Any Executive member may, at any time, tender his resignation to the Society Executive in writing.

6. The executive may appoint any member of the Society for the unexpired term of office of the elected Executive member.
7. A Joe Rich Fire Department representative will be a non-voting member of the Society Executive.

ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

1. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and shall preside as chairman at all meetings and shall supervise the other directors in the execution of their duties.
2. The Vice-president shall carry out the duties of the President during his absence and assist the President as requested.
3. The Secretary shall prepare and keep all correspondence and minutes of meetings of the Society and of the Executive. The Secretary shall keep a register showing the names and addresses of the members in good standing. The Secretary shall carry out other duties as the Executive may from time to time determine.
4. The Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the Society, including records of all receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer shall send out and collect accounts, report to the members a statement of receipts and expenditures at the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer shall compile the annual Regional District budget for the operation of the Joe Rich Community Hall. This budget will be presented for approval by the Society at the meeting prior to December 1st. The Treasurer shall carry out such other duties as the executive may from time to time determine.
5. The three other Directors shall carry out such duties as the Executive or Society may from time to time determine.
6. The members may by special resolution remove a director before the expiration of his term of office and may elect a successor to complete the term of office.

ARTICLE 6 - EXERCISE OF BORROWING POWERS AND AUDIT OF ACCOUNT

1. For the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Society, the directors may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manners as approved by a majority of the membership at such regular or special or general meetings where the matter is raised. However, debentures shall not be issued without the sanction of a special resolution.
2. The directors may from time to time appoint an auditor or auditors to hold office for such period as the directors may determine.

ARTICLE 7 - QUORUM

1. A quorum at any Meeting shall be 10 members.
2. If within 30 minutes of the appointed time for a general meeting, a quorum is not present, any business transacted is subject to ratification at the following qualified meeting.
3. If within 30 minutes of the appointed time for an Annual General Meeting, a quorum is not present, such meeting shall be adjourned to the following month. If at such reconvening, there shall not be a quorum within 30 minutes of the appointed time, the chairman shall declare a quorum to be present and shall proceed to conduct the business of the Society.

ARTICLE 8 - VOTING

1. All members present at any general meeting shall be entitled to one vote per resolution and voting shall be a show of hands. The election of Society Executive shall be by ballot. The president can only vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 9 - FINANCES

1. The signing officers of the Society for all documents and cheques shall be any two of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer.
2. The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay out of petty cash up to and including \$200.00 per month in order to perform the duties approved by the membership.

ARTICLE 10 - INSPECTION OF BOOKS

1. The books and records of the Society may be inspected at any general meeting of the Society and for a period of thirty minutes before and after the opening and closing of any such meeting.

ARTICLE 11 - SEAL OF THE SOCIETY

1. The directors may provide a common seal for the society and may destroy a seal and substitute a new seal in its place.
2. The common seal shall be affixed only when authorized by a resolution of the directors and then only in the presence of the persons prescribed in the resolution, or if no persons are prescribed, in the presence of the president and secretary or president and secretary treasurer.

ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

1. The Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules of Order can be amended at any general meeting of the Society by a special resolution, provided the amendment was submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE 13 - RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. The rules of procedure as set in Robert's Rule of Order shall be followed at all meetings of the Society save where provisions of same are inconsistent with the constitution and By-laws of the Society, and in such cases the latter shall be followed.

ARTICLE 14

1. The operations of the Society are to be carried on in the Joe Rich Service Area Boundaries. **This provision was previously unalterable.**