

Blueridge Community Association Draft (May 2013) Constitution

Blueridge Community Association – Constitution as per the Society Act

1. The name of the Society is Blueridge Community Association, hereinafter called 'The Association'.
2. The purposes of the society are as follows:
 - a. to advocate for its members as residents of the neighborhood in those parts of the District of North Vancouver known as Blueridge and Seymour Heights.
 - b. to promote and organize activity to protect and preserve the quality of life for residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights and the investments made by them.
 - c. to inform residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights of government decisions and actions that have a direct effect on them
 - d. to encourage participation in activities affecting the community and promote events which enhance quality of life, social integration and neighborliness.
 - e. to promote events that stimulate community spirit and cooperation
 - f. to maintain future ability to fundraise when deemed appropriate by 2/3rd majority of those in attendance at a Special Meeting.
3. The purposes of the Society shall be carried out without intent of personal gain for any of its members and any profits or other accretions to the society shall be used only for administration and costs promoting the purposes and objectives of the Society.

By-Laws

Here set forth in numbered clauses, the By-laws providing for the matters referred to in Section 6 (1) of the Society Act and any other By-laws.

Article One – Area of Activity

The Association operates in a section of the District of North Vancouver bordered on the south by Mount Seymour Parkway, on the west by the east cliff of the Seymour Valley, on the east by Northlands Drive, and the parkland to the north.

Article Two – Membership

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Full Membership, with voting rights, may be claimed upon proof of residence being in Blueridge and Seymour Heights as delineated by Article One herein.

Article Three – Governance

The Membership holds the power to make all decisions regarding the expenditure or receiving of money. Further, the Membership has the power to ratify or invalidate decisions made by the Executive Board.

The Membership at General Meetings shall hear reports from the Executive Board and current committees.

Subject to By-laws or directions given by majority vote at a general membership Meeting properly called and constituted, the Executive Board shall have full control and management of the affairs of the Association. The Executive Board shall decide business, endeavors and projects of the Association, but not questions regarding the expenditure or receiving of money.

The Executive Board will have the power to install committees, by appointment of committee chairs that are empowered to recruit and appoint committee members, respectively.

The Executive Board will consist of the Table Officers:

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-chair
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Webmaster
- f. Minimum Three (3) Directors

The Executive Board Officers and Directors will be elected for a one-year term every May at the Annual General Meeting.

When a member of the Board resigns before an Annual General Meeting, the remaining Board would propose an alternative for that position.

A Member of the Association will be appointed by the Executive Board to recruit candidates for the Executive Board and conduct the election as per Robert's Rules of Order.

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The Executive members may remain on the Board for a period of ten years. In the event a Board member wishes to continue in this capacity, then a special resolution will be voted on at the next AGM.

The Executive Board positions will be nominated and voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

The Directors will be appointed by the Executive Board. The Chair of the nominating committee will present a list of Directors for consideration by the Executives.

Article Four – Meetings

At least five (5) General Meetings shall be held per year to decide business and projects of the Association, with a balance of information and research presented to the membership regarding issues and questions that confront the membership.

The Executive Board shall meet as required. The date, time and place of such meetings shall be determined by the Chair.

At the beginning of each meeting the Chair will appoint a parliamentarian to maintain the cordiality of the meeting.

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in May to:

- a. Receive an Annual Report from the Executive Board and Committees
- b. Receive an Annual Financial Report from the Treasurer
- c. Elect Officers and Directors annually.

All meetings of the Membership and those of the Executive Board will be chaired by the Chair, or in his/her place a Vice-chair, or in the place of the Vice-chair, a Director will chair.

Article Five – Fiscal Year

The Association's fiscal year will be the ending on April 30, requiring a financial report for each year ending on April 30, to be presented at each Annual General Meeting in May immediately following.

Article Six – AGM or Special Meeting

Notice of Annual General Meetings or Special Meetings will be circulating by e-mail and on the website a minimum of 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

Article Seven – Special Meeting

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A Special Meeting may be considered by the Board at the request of a member with the signed support of a minimum of ten members of the community.

Article Eight – Dissolution

In the event of ceased activity or dissolution of the Association, any funds of the Association remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be transferred to and equally divided:

- a. Harvest Project
- b. North Shore Rescue
- c. Deep Cove Heritage Society
- d. The Pacific Streamkeepers Federation

Article Nine – Amendments to the By-laws

- a. Amendments to the by-laws can be made only at a regular General Membership Meeting or the Annual General Meeting.
- b. Amendments to the By-laws must be proposed in writing, signed by five (5) Members and including the wording of the proposed amendment, prior to the meeting at which it will be considered.
- c. Constitutional amendment(s) may be considered at a duly constituted meeting with a quorum of twenty members. A vote on the amendment(s) duly proposed will require a 2/3 majority required for adoption.