



**NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS
CYCLING CLUB**

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By-Laws (2.0) of the Northumberland Hills Cycling Club

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SECTION 1 General

1.01 Definitions

In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Act" means the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (Ontario) and, where the context requires, includes the regulations made under it, as amended or re-enacted from time to time;
- (b) "Board" means the board of directors of the Corporation;
- (c) "By-laws" means this by-law (including the schedules to this by-law) and all other by-laws of the Corporation as amended and which are, from time to time, in force;
- (d) "Chair" means the chair of the Board;
- (e) "Corporation" means the corporation that has passed these by-laws under the Act or that is deemed to have passed these by-laws under the Act;
- (f) "Director" means an individual occupying the position of director of the Corporation by whatever name he or she is called;
- (g) "Member" means a member of the Corporation;
- (h) "Members" means the collective membership of the Corporation; and
- (i) "Officer" means an officer of the Corporation.

1.02 Interpretation

Other than as specified in Section 1.01, all terms contained in this by-law that are defined in the *Act* shall have the meanings given to such terms in the *Act*. Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and words importing one gender include all genders.

1.03 Severability and Precedence

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this by-law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this by-law. If any of the provisions contained in the by-laws are inconsistent with those contained in the Articles or the *Act*, the provisions contained in the Articles or the *Act*, as the case may be, shall prevail.

1.04 Execution of Contracts

Deeds, transfers, assignments, contracts, obligations and other instruments in writing requiring execution by the Corporation may be signed by any two of its Officers or Directors. If the amount of the transaction is \$100 or less only one signature is required and must be the President. In addition, the Board may from time to time direct the manner in which and the person by whom a particular document or type of document shall be executed. Any Director or Officer may certify a copy of any instrument, resolution, by-law or other document of the Corporation to be a true copy thereof.

SECTION 2 Directors

2.01 Number of Directors

The Board shall consist of not less than five and not more than seven directors.

2.02 Election and Term

The Directors shall be elected by the Members. The term of office of newly elected Directors shall be three (3) years from the date of the meeting at which they are elected.

2.03 Vacancies

The office of a Director shall be vacated immediately:

- (a) if the Director resigns office by written notice to the secretary, which resignation shall be effective at the time it is received by the secretary or at the time specified in the notice, whichever is later;
- (b) if the Director dies or becomes bankrupt;
- (c) if the Director is found to be incapable of managing property by a court or under Ontario law; or
- (d) if, at a meeting of the Members, a resolution is passed by at least a majority of the votes cast by the Members removing the Director before the expiration of the Director's term of office.

2.04 Filling Vacancies

A vacancy on the Board shall be filled as follows:

- (a) A quorum of Directors may fill a vacancy among the Directors. A quorum is defined to be a majority of Directors.
- (b) If there is not a quorum of Directors or there has been a failure to elect the minimum number of Directors set out in the articles, the Directors in office shall, without delay, call a special meeting of Members to fill the vacancy and, if they fail to call such a meeting, the meeting may be called by any Member;
- (c) The Board may fill any other vacancy by a majority vote, and the appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term of the vacating Director. After that, the appointee shall be eligible to be elected as a Director.

2.05 Committees

Committees may be established by the Board as follows:

- (a) The Board may appoint from their number a managing Director or a committee of Directors and may delegate to the managing Director or committee any of the powers of the Directors excepting those powers set out in the Act that are not permitted to be delegated; and
- (b) Subject to the limitations on delegation set out in the Act, the Board may establish any committee it determines necessary for the execution of the Board's responsibilities. The Board shall determine the composition and terms of reference for any such committee. The Board may dissolve any committee by resolution at any time.
- (c) Any committee member may be removed by resolution of the Board.

2.06 Remuneration of Directors

No Director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from occupying the position of Director; subject to the following:

- (a) Directors may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses they incur in the performance of their Directors' duties;
- (b) Directors may be paid remuneration and reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with services they provide to the Corporation in their capacity other than as Directors, provided that the amount of any such remuneration or reimbursement is (i) considered reasonable by the Board; (ii) approved by the Board for payment by resolution passed before such payment is made; and (iii) in compliance with the conflict of interest provisions of the Act;

2.07 Eligibility for Election to Board

To be eligible to be elected to be the Board:

- (a) An individual must be a Member in good standing. The exception is the Treasurer who does not have to be a Member.
- (b) An individual must have been a Member of the Corporation for a minimum of one year.
- (c) An individual must not be an employee of the Corporation.

2.08 Ex-Officio Directors

The Board is empowered to appoint a Past President as a Director for a one year term. The appointment will be reviewed on an annual basis and renewed at the Board's discretion. An *ex officio* director has the same rights and privileges and is subject to the same duties and liabilities as any elected or appointed director.

SECTION 3 Board Meetings

3.01 Calling of Meetings

Meetings of the Directors may be called by the President or the Vice President or by both the Treasurer and Secretary at any time and any place on notice as required by this by-law.

3.02 Regular Meetings

The Board may fix the place and time of regular Board meetings and send a copy of the resolution fixing the place and time of such meetings to each Director, and no other notice shall be required for any such meetings.

3.03 Notice

Notice of the time and place for the holding of a meeting of the Board shall be given in the manner provided in Section 10 of this by-law to every Director of the Corporation not less than seven days before the date that the meeting is to be held. Notice of a meeting is not necessary if all of the Directors are present, and none objects to the holding of the meeting, or if those absent have waived notice or have otherwise signified their consent to the holding of such meeting. If a quorum of Directors is present, each newly elected or appointed Board may, without notice, hold its first meeting immediately following the annual meeting of the Corporation.

3.04 Chair

The Chair shall preside at Board meetings. In the absence of the Chair, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act as the Chair.

3.05 Voting

Each Director has one vote. Questions arising at any Board meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

3.06 Participation by Telephone or Other Communications Facilities

If a simple majority of the Directors of the Corporation consent, a Director may participate in a meeting of the Board or of a committee of Directors by telephonic or electronic means that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting. A Director participating by such means is deemed to be present at that meeting.

SECTION 4 Financial

Funds and assets of the Corporation shall be used to foster and promote the sport and pastime of recreational cycling, and for administrative expenses incurred in conducting the affairs of the Corporation. The finances of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board.

4.01 Banking

The Board shall by resolution from time to time designate the bank in which the money, bonds or other securities of the Corporation shall be placed for safekeeping.

4.02 Financial Year

The financial year of the Corporation ends on December 31 in each year or on such other date as the Board may from time to time by resolution determine.

SECTION 5 Officers

5.01 Officers

The Board shall appoint from among the Directors a Chair and may appoint any other person to be President, Treasurer and Secretary at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Corporation. The office of Treasurer and Secretary may be held by the same person and may be known as the Secretary-Treasurer. The office of Chair and President may also be held by the same person. The Board may appoint such other Officers and agents as it deems necessary, and who shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as the Board may prescribe from time to time.

5.02 Office Held at Board's Discretion

Any Officer shall cease to hold office upon resolution of the Board.

5.03 Duties

Officers shall be responsible for the duties assigned to them and they may delegate to others the performance of any or all of such duties.

5.04 Duties of the Chair

The Chair shall perform the duties described in sections 3.04 and 9.05 and such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board may determine from time to time.

5.05 Duties of the President

The President shall perform the duties described in Schedule A and such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board may determine from time to time.

5.06 Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties described in Schedule B and such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board may determine from time to time.

5.07 Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall perform the duties described in Schedule C and such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board may determine from time to time.

5.08 Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall perform the duties described in Schedule D and such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board may determine from time to time.

SECTION 6 Protection of Directors and Others

6.01 Protection of Directors and Officers

No Director, Officer or committee of the Corporation is liable for the acts, neglects or defaults of any other Director, Officer, committee member or employee of the Corporation or for joining in any receipt or for any loss, damage or expense happening to the Corporation through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by resolution of the Board or for or on behalf of the Corporation or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the money of or belonging to the Corporation shall be placed out or invested or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortious act of any person, firm or Corporation with whom or which any moneys, securities or effects shall be lodged or deposited or for any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever

which may happen in the execution of the duties of his or her respective office or trust provided that they have:

- (a) complied with the Act and the Corporation's articles and by-laws; and
- (b) exercised their powers and discharged their duties in accordance with the Act

SECTION 7 Conflict of Interest

7.01 Conflict of Interest

A Director who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a contract or transaction, or proposed contract or transaction, with the Corporation shall make the disclosure required by the *Act*. Except as provided by the *Act*, no such Director shall attend any part of a meeting of Directors or vote on any resolution to approve any such contract or transaction.

SECTION 8 Members

8.01 Members

Membership in the Corporation shall consist of individuals who are interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes and who have been accepted into membership in the Corporation by the Board.

8.02 Membership

- (a) A membership in the Corporation automatically terminates if the Member resigns or such membership is otherwise terminated in accordance with the Act.
- (b) A Member shall be deemed to be in good standing when not in arrears of the payment of annual membership fees or other sums due from time to time to the Corporation.
- (c) Membership fees shall provide membership in the Corporation commencing either January 1 or the date of application, whichever is later and expires on December 31 of the same year.
- (d) A Member is obliged to abide by the Highway Traffic Act (Ontario) and the Corporation's Code of Conduct.

8.03 *Disciplinary Act* or Termination of Membership for Cause

- (a) Upon 15 days written notice to a Member, the Board may pass a resolution authorizing disciplinary action or the termination of membership for violating any provision of the articles, by-laws or Code of Conduct.
- (b) The notice shall set out the reasons for the disciplinary action or termination of membership. The Member receiving the notice shall be entitled to give the Board a written submission opposing the disciplinary action or termination not less than 5 days before the end of the 15-day period. The Board shall consider the written submission of the Member before making a final decision regarding disciplinary action or termination of membership.

SECTION 9 Members' Meetings

9.01 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held no later than 90 days after the fiscal year end and within 15 months of the last preceding annual meeting at a place within Northumberland County fixed by the Board. Any Member, upon request, shall be provided, not less than 21 days or other number of days prescribed in regulations before the annual meeting, with a copy of the approved financial statements, auditor's report or review engagement report and other financial information required by the by-laws or articles.

The business transacted at the annual meeting shall include:

- (a) receipt of the agenda;
- (b) receipt of the minutes of the previous annual and subsequent special meetings;
- (c) consideration of the financial statements;
- (d) report of the auditor or person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement;
- (e) reappointment or new appointment of the auditor or a person to conduct a review engagement for the coming year;
- (f) election of Directors; and
- (g) such other or special business as may be set out in the notice of meeting.

No other item of business shall be included on the agenda for annual meeting unless a Member's proposal has been given to the Secretary prior to the giving of notice of the annual meeting in accordance with the *Act*, so that such item of new business can be included in the notice of annual meeting.

9.02 Special Meetings

The Directors may call a special meeting of the Members. The Board shall convene a special meeting on written requisition of not less than 20% of the Members for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Corporation that does not fall within the exceptions listed in the *Act* or is otherwise inconsistent with the *Act*, within 21 days from the date of the deposit of the requisition.

9.03 Notice

Subject to the *Act*, not less than 10 and not more than 50 days written notice of any annual or special Members' meeting shall be given in the manner specified in the *Act* to each Member and to the auditor or person appointed to conduct a review engagement. Notice of any meeting where special business will be transacted must contain sufficient information to permit the Members to form a reasoned judgment on the decision to be taken.

9.04 Quorum

A quorum for the transaction of business at a Members' meeting is 15% percent of the Members entitled to vote at the meeting. A quorum must be present throughout the meeting in order for the Members to proceed with the business of the meeting.

9.05 Chair of the Meeting

The Chair shall be the chair of the Members' meeting; in the Chair's absence, the Vice President or Secretary may act as Chair. If none of these are present or decline to act as Chair, the Members present at any Members' meeting shall choose another Director as Chair and if no Director is present or if all of the Directors present decline to act as Chair, the Members present shall choose one of their number to Chair the meeting.

9.06 Voting of Members

Business arising at any Members' meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes unless otherwise required by the *Act* or the by-law provided that:

- (a) each Member shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting;
- (b) votes shall be taken by a show of hands among all Members present and the Chair of the meeting, if a Member, shall have a vote;
- (c) an abstention shall not be considered a vote cast;
- (d) before or after a show of hands has been taken on any question, the Chair of the meeting may require, or any Member may demand, a written ballot. A written ballot so required or demanded shall be taken in such manner as the Chair of the meeting shall direct;
- (e) if there is a tie vote, the Chair of the meeting shall require a written ballot, and shall have a second or casting vote; and
- (f) whenever a vote by show of hands is taken on a question, unless a written ballot is required or demanded, a declaration by the Chair of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or lost and an entry to that effect in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.
- (g) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

9.07 Persons Entitled to be Present

The only persons entitled to attend a Members' meeting are the Members, the Directors, the Founders, and the auditors of the Corporation (or the person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement, if any) and others who are entitled or required under any provision of the *Act* or the articles to be present at the meeting. Any other person may be admitted only if invited by the Chair of the meeting or with the majority consent of the Members present at the meeting.

SECTION 10 Notices

10.01 Services

Any notice required to be sent to any Member or Director or to the auditor or person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement shall be provided by telephone, delivered personally, published on the Corporation's web site or sent by prepaid mail, facsimile, email or other electronic means to any such Member or Director at their latest address as shown in the records of the Corporation and to the auditor or the person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement at its business address, or if no address be given then to the last address of such Member or Director known to the

Secretary; provided always that notice may be waived or the time for the notice may be waived or abridged at any time with the consent in writing of the person entitled thereto.

10.02 Computation of Time

Where a given number of days notice or notice extending over any period is required to be given, the day of service or posting of the notice shall not, unless it is otherwise provided, be counted in such number of days or other period.

10.03 Error or Omission in Giving Notice

No error or accidental omission in giving notice of any Board meeting or any Members' meeting shall invalidate the meeting or make void any proceedings taken at the meeting.

SECTION 11 Adoption and Amendment of By-Laws

11.01 Amendments to By-Laws

This by-law may be amended by a majority vote of the Board and subsequent approval of the Members at the earliest of either a General Meeting of Members or the Annual General Meeting.

Enacted by the Board on the 1st day of October, 2019.

Debbie Parks

Freda Dong

President

Secretary

Schedule A Position Description of the President

Role Statement

The President provides leadership to the Board, ensures the integrity of the Board's process and represents the Board to outside parties. The President co-ordinates Board activities in fulfilling its governance responsibilities and facilitates co-operative relationships among Directors and between the Board and senior management, if any, of the Corporation. The President ensures the Board discusses all matters relating to the Board's mandate.

Responsibilities

Agendas

Establish agendas aligned with annual Board goals and preside over Board meetings if also holding the office of Chair. Ensure meetings are effective and efficient for the performance of governance work.

Direction

Serve as the Board's central point of communication with the senior management, if any, of the Corporation; provide guidance to senior management, if any, regarding the Board's expectations and concerns. In collaboration with senior management, develop standards for Board decision-support packages that include formats for reporting to the Board and level of detail to be provided to ensure that management strategies and planning and performance information are appropriately presented to the Board.

Performance Appraisal

Lead the Board in monitoring and evaluating the performance of senior management, if any, through an annual process.

Work Plan

Ensure that a Board work plan is developed and implemented that includes annual goals for the Board and embraces continuous improvement.

Representation

Serve as the Board's primary contact with the public.

Reporting

Report regularly to the Board on issues relevant to its governance responsibilities.

Board Conduct

Set a high standard for Board conduct and enforce policies and by-laws concerning Directors' conduct.

Mentorship

Serve as a mentor to other Directors. Ensure that all Directors contribute fully. Address issues associated with underperformance of individual Directors.

Succession Planning

Ensure succession planning occurs for senior management, if any, and Board.

Schedule B Position Description of the Vice President

Role Statement

The Vice President of the Board, who may also be called the Vice Chair, is prepared at all times to assume the role of Board President, if necessary. The Vice President, whose knowledge and commitment mirrors that of the President, may serve in the President's place for Board activities and in the spokesperson capacity.

The President may delegate special assignments to the Vice President.

Schedule C Position Description of the Treasurer

Role Statement

The Treasurer works collaboratively with the President and senior management, if any, to support the Board in achieving its fiduciary responsibilities.

Responsibilities

Custody of Funds

The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the Corporation in the books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all monies, securities and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such chartered bank or trust company, or, in the case of securities, in such registered dealer in securities as may be designated by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be directed by proper authority taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the Chair and directors at the regular meeting of the Board, or whenever they may require it, an accounting of all the transactions and a statement of the financial position, of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be directed by the Board.

Board Conduct

Maintain a high standard for Board conduct and uphold policies and by-laws regarding Directors' conduct, with particular emphasis on fiduciary responsibilities.

Mentorship

Serve as a mentor to other Directors.

Financial Statement

Present to the Members at the annual meeting as part of the annual report, the financial statement of the Corporation approved by the Board together with the report of the auditor or of the person who has conducted the review engagement, as the case may be.

Schedule D Position Description of the Secretary

Role Statement

The Secretary works collaboratively with the President to support the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities.

Responsibilities

Board Conduct

Support the President in maintaining a high standard for Board conduct and uphold policies and the by-laws regarding Directors' conduct, with particular emphasis on fiduciary responsibilities.

Document Management

Keep a roll of the names and addresses of the Members. Ensure the proper recording and maintenance of minutes of all meetings of the Corporation and the Board and distribute minutes within 10 days of the meeting. Attend to correspondence on behalf of the Board. Have custody of all minute books, documents, and registers of the Corporation and ensure that they are maintained as required by law. Ensure that all reports are prepared and filed as required by law or requested by the Board. Ensure that all voting at Board and Members' meetings are conducted according to the by-laws.

Meetings

Give such notice as required by the by-laws of all meetings of the Corporation, the Board and Board committees.

Schedule E Position Description of the Past President

Role Statement

The Past President works with the President and the rest of the Board to ensure continuity by providing historical context for issues.

Responsibilities

Board Conduct

Support the President in maintaining a high standard for Board conduct and uphold policies and the by-laws regarding Directors' conduct, with particular emphasis on fiduciary responsibilities.

Meetings

Participate actively in Board meetings, and/or any special meetings called by Board members or members at large

Mentorship

Support the President in his/her position and serve as a mentor to other Directors. Ensure that all Directors contribute fully. Address issues associated with underperformance of individual Directors.