

l'Association du Lac St-François-Xavier Constitution

Article 1 - General Information:

- a) Name of the unincorporated not-for-profit association: l'Association du Lac St-François-Xavier, herein referred to as 'the association'
- b) Head Office: Address of the elected Treasurer
- c) The official representative of the association is the President who must be bilingual
- d) The Association will be administered by an Executive committee comprising a maximum of eight elected members, herein referred to as 'the executive'
- e) The meeting chairperson shall be the president of the association, or a person designated by the president of the association with the majority agreement of the executive

Article 2 - Objectives

The objectives of the non-profit association are to improve the quality of life in the surroundings of Lac Saint-Francois Xavier by:

- a) Take steps to reduce pollution in the waters of the lake and its tributaries.
- b) Protect the shallows, shores, and forests bordering the lake and its tributaries against forms of degradation.
- c) Sensitize the public, particularly the residents and other users of the lake, to the importance of protecting the quality of the natural environment in the area, and offer sources of advice on what lake users can do to achieve these objectives.
- d) Apply for the services, programs or initiatives available from any level of government that are likely to benefit the lake and its surrounding area, in accordance with the objectives of the association.
- e) Advocate for municipal authorities to adopt and enforce bylaws for improving the quality of lake life, and for the protection of ecological systems in the Lac St-François Xavier membership region.
- f) Support other efforts aimed at improving the quality of the lake and its ecosystem, as well as the quality of life of its residents and users now and for future generations.
- g) Align as much as possible, to the extent to which it benefits the members of the association and lake in general, with other lake associations and their representative organizations, as well as joint working groups, to pressure government authorities for legislation, bylaws, and the financial resources which will ensure the protection of the regional watershed and related ecology.
- h) Promote enjoyment of the lake for its residents and users, in a sustainable and environmentally conscious way, which may include the sponsoring of lake community events.

Article 3 - Membership

- a) Membership is restricted to one member per household located within district 5 of Wentworth-Nord, as defined by the municipality (map attached).
- b) Any single person aged 18 or over from a member household (or with written authorization from a member household) may vote to represent that household as defined in *voting*.

Article 4 - Annual Fee

- a) All voting members must pay an annual fee, the amount of which is to be determined by the Executive and ratified at the annual general meeting, and which will be applicable for the year following.
- b) Only members, in good standing, have the right to vote at meetings.
- c) A member will be considered in good standing if their yearly dues have been received prior to the adoption of the Agenda at the annual general meeting.
- d) Payment shall be made in cash or cheque.

Article 5 - Meetings

- a) An Annual General Meeting must be held each year between June 1 and August 31 inclusively, at the time and place selected by the executive and indicated in the notice.
- b) A Special General Meeting may be convened by order of the President, or by resolution of the Executive.
- c) The membership may also request a special meeting by way of a written and valid request of at least ten percent of the members in good standing, addressed to the President or Secretary either by mail or electronically from a recognized email address or addresses, and specifying the purpose of the meeting. Upon receipt of such a request, the Secretary is to convene the meeting within 30 days.
- d) The Special General Meeting must follow the rules set out above and include an agenda. No subjects other than those indicated on the agenda may be discussed, except by agreement of a majority vote.
- e) The notice for either an Annual or a Special Meeting, signed by the secretary and indicating its location, time and purpose, must be posted in the appropriate public place, or by electronic means (email). It may also be communicated to members by any other means chosen by the Executive. The posting will occur at least 14 days in advance of the proposed meeting date. An agenda must be included in the notice. The Association's website, if in existence at the time of the notice, shall also post the notice of meeting and corresponding agenda.
- f) Quorum for an annual general meeting or special meeting shall be 51% of the eligible voters among the membership. If quorum is not obtained within a half hour of the posted start time, the meeting is adjourned.
- g) Each Annual General Meeting must include all of the following topics: approval of agenda; acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes; business arising; Treasurer's report; election of officials; other topics raised, in writing, by members in good standing at least 14 days before the meeting.
- h) Members in good standing may speak and vote at all meetings. Priority will be given to those who have not yet had a chance to comment, and time will be limited to 2 minutes per person. Once a member has spoken he/she must wait until all other members wishing to speak to the point have done so. The Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings are open to all residents within the Association's membership area;

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