



MAYNE ISLAND COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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ARTICLE I- Name and Objectives

Section 1- The name of this organization shall be The Mayne Island Community Chamber of Commerce.

Section 2- The objectives of The Mayne Island Community Chamber of Commerce shall be to promote and improve trade and commerce and the economic, civic, and social welfare of the district.

Section 3- The usual place of meeting shall be on Mayne Island, B.C.

Section 4- The Mayne Island Community Chamber of Commerce shall be non-sectional and non-sectarian and shall not lend its support to any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE II- Interpretation

Section 5- Wherever the words “The Chamber” occur in these by-laws, they shall be understood to mean “The Mayne Island Community Chamber of Commerce” as a body.

Section 6- Wherever the words “The Council” occur in these by-laws, they shall be understood to mean “The Council of The Mayne Island Community Chamber of Commerce.”

Section 7- (a) Wherever the word “District” occurs in these by-laws, it shall mean the area, within and for which this Chamber was established, as defined in the Certificate of Registration under the Boards of Trade Act (R.S., c.18, s1).

(b) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa; and words importing the male person include a female person

ARTICLE III- Membership

Section 8- Any reputable person, directly or indirectly engaged or interested in trade, commerce or the economic and social welfare of the District, shall be eligible for membership in the Chamber.

Section 9- Associations, Corporations, Societies, Partnerships or Estates, directly or indirectly engaged or interested in trade, commerce or the economic and social welfare of the District may become member of the Chamber.

Section 10- At any general meeting of the Chamber, any member in good standing may propose any eligible person or organization as a candidate for becoming a member of the Chamber, providing such candidate shall undertake, if admitted, to be governed by the by-laws of the Chamber.

Section 11- If such proposal is carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Chamber then present, such person or organization shall thenceforth be a member of the Chamber and shall have all the rights and be subject to all the obligations as the other members.

Section 12- Membership shall continue from the time of admittance until a member has resigned in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or has been removed from the roll of members by action of the Council.

Section 13- Any member of the Chamber, who intends to retire therefrom or to resign his membership, may do so, at any time, upon giving the secretary ten days' notice in writing of such intention, and upon discharging any lawful liability which is standing upon the books of the Chamber against him at the time of such notice.

Section 14- The Council may remove from the roll of members the name of any newly enrolled member failing to pay his annual dues within thirty days of his admission, or of any other member who fails to pay such dues within three months of the date on which they fall due. Upon such action by the Council, all privileges of membership shall be forfeited.

Section 15- Persons who have distinguished themselves by some meritorious or public service may be elected Honorary Members by a majority vote of the Chamber. Such recognition shall be for a term of one year and may be repeated. Honorary membership shall include all the privileges of active membership except that of holding office, with the exemption from the payment, of annual dues.

Section 16- Any member of the Chamber may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

ARTICLE IV- Dues and Assessments

Section 17- The annual dues payable by members of the Chamber shall be determined annually by the Council.

Section 18- Other assessments may be levied against all members, provided they are recommended by the Council and approved by a majority of the members present at a general

meeting of the Chamber. The notice calling such general meeting shall state the nature of the proposed assessment.

ARTICLE V- Officers and Council

Section 19- The officers shall be, a President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer none of whom may hold the same office for more than two years with the exception of the Secretary/Treasurer. They, along with either other members shall be elected from the members at the annual general meeting, by ballot and shall form the Council. Six members shall be elected for a two year term and five members for a one year term to take effect on the coming into force of this amendment. The following year five members shall be elected for a two year term and henceforth all terms of office shall be for a two year term with the exception of one to fill an unexpired term. The retiring President shall be an ex-officio member of Council.

Section 20- Where a member of the Council dies or resigns his office or is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Council, the Council may, at any meeting thereof, elect a member to the Council, in the place of the member who had died or resigned, or is absent.

Section 21- Any officer or Council member may be suspended from his office or have his tenure of office terminated if in the opinion of the Council, he is grossly negligent in the performance of his duties, providing however, that any officer of Council member so suspended or whose tenure of office has been terminated, shall be at liberty to appeal the decision of the Council directly to the Membership at the next general meeting.

Section 22- The Council shall have the general power of administration. It may make or authorize petitions or representations to the Government or Parliament of Canada, the Government or Legislature of the Province, or others, as it may determine or as may be required by vote of a majority of members present at any general meeting.

Section 23- The Council shall, in addition to the powers hereby expressly conferred on it, have such powers as are assigned to it by any by-law of the Chamber provided, however, that such powers are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Boards of Trade Act.

Section 24- Any five (5) or more members of the Council, lawfully met, shall be a quorum and a majority of such quorum may do all the things within the powers of the Council.

Section 25- The Council Shall frame such by-laws, rules and regulations as appear to it, best adapted to promote the welfare of the Chamber, and shall submit them for adoption at a general meeting of the Chamber called for that purpose.

Section 26- The Council, or at his request, the President, may appoint committees or designate members of the Council, the Chamber of others, to examine, consider and report upon any matter or take such action as the Council may request.

Section 27- The Council may suspend any chairman from office or have his office terminated for just cause. Any committee may be terminated by the Council.

Section 28- (a) If there is no successful candidate or person able to provide a service in a manner that meets our requirements, the Council or President may grant that a council member receive remuneration for a particular service at a reasonable rate.

(b) All potential contracts to be offered to the community at large where possible. The exception may be for an imminent need with not enough time to do so.

(c) During any decision regarding a contract that involves a board member, that board member may not be present for any discussion of the matter.

(d) If a board member is eventually hired for a project or service, they must recuse themselves from any board discussion related to the project or service.

Section 29- Removed as per vote at 2015 Chamber AGM.

Section 30- The meetings of the Council shall be open to all members of the Chamber, who may attend, but may not take part in any of the proceedings.

Section 31- No public pronouncement in the name of the Chamber may be made unless authorized by the Council or by some person to whom the Council has delegated this authority.

Section 32- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chamber and Council. He shall regulate the order of business at such meetings, receive and put lawful motions, and communicate to the meetings what he may think concerns the Chamber. The President shall, with the Secretary, sign all papers and documents requiring signature on behalf of the Chamber, unless someone else is delegated by the Council. It shall be the duty of the President to present a general report of the activities of the year at the Annual Meeting.

(b) The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President and, in the absence of both of these officers, the meeting shall appoint a chairman to act temporarily.

(c) The Treasurer, shall have charge of all funds of the Chamber and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, the same in the chartered bank selected by the Council. Out of such funds he shall pay amounts approved by the Council and shall keep a regular account of the income and expenditures of the Chamber and shall submit a statement thereof for presentation to the annual general meeting and at any other time required by the Council. He shall make such *investment of* the funds of the Chamber as the Council may direct. Two of the Treasurer, President, Past President or Vice-President must sign all notes, drafts and cheques.

(d) The Executive Officer of the Chamber shall be responsible to the Council for the general control and management of the Chamber's business affairs. He/she shall be responsible for keeping the books of the Chamber under the direction of the President, conducting its correspondence, retaining copies of all official documents and shall perform all such other duties as properly pertain to his/her position. He/she shall maintain an accurate record of the proceedings of the Chamber and of the Council. At the end of his/her employment the Executive Officer shall deliver to the Chamber all books, papers and other property of the Chamber.

ARTICLE VI- Meetings

Section 33- The Annual Meeting of the Chamber shall be held, whenever possible, in the month of May in each year at the time and place determined by the Council. At least two weeks' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given.

Section 34- Regular General Meetings of the Chamber shall be held at least two times a year at the time and place designated by the Council. At least one week's notice of such meetings shall be given.

Section 35- Special General Meetings of the Chamber may be held at any time when summoned by the President, or requested in writing by any three members of the Council, or any ten members of the Chamber. At least one day's notice of such meetings shall be given.

Section 36- The Council shall meet from time to time as may be necessary to carry on the business of the Chamber.

Section 37- Notice of all meetings, naming the time and place of assembly, shall be given by the Secretary. A notice inserted in one or more of the newspapers published within the district or a circular letter signed by the Secretary and mailed to the last known address of each member shall constitute sufficient notice.

Section 38- At any Annual or General Meeting, twelve members shall be a quorum and, unless otherwise specifically provided, a majority of members present shall be competent to do and perform all acts which are, or shall be, directed to be done at any such meeting.

Section 39- Minutes of the proceedings of all General and Council meetings shall be entered in books to be kept for that purpose by the Secretary.

Section 40- The entry of such minutes shall be signed by the person who presides at the meeting at which they are adopted.

Section 41- All books of the Chamber shall be opened at all reasonable hours to any member of the Chamber free of charge.

ARTICLE VII- Voting Rights

Section 42- Every member in good standing represented at any general meeting shall be entitled to one vote provided that the vote of an Association, Corporation, Society, Partnership, or an Estate member shall in each such case be assigned to individuals.

Section 43- Voting at Council or General Meetings shall normally be by a show of hands or, if requested by the Chairman; by a standing vote. A roll call vote shall be taken, if requested by five (5) members provided such request received approval of two-thirds of the members assembled.

Section 44- The presiding officer shall vote only in case of a tie. Upon an appeal being made from a decision of the presiding officer, the vote of the majority shall decide.

Section 45- Motions or amendments shall be carried at any Council, or General meeting by a majority vote unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII- By-Laws

Section 46- By-Laws may be made, repealed or amended by a majority of the members of the Chamber present at any general meeting, notice of such proposal having been given in writing by one member and seconded by another at a previous meeting of the Council or the Chamber, and that fourteen (14) days written notice shall be given to all members of the Chamber, of the proposed amendment.

Section 47- Such By-Laws shall be binding on all members of the Chamber, its officers and all other persons lawfully under its control.

ARTICLE IX- Affiliations

Section 48- The Chamber, at the discretion of the Council, shall have power to affiliate with The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the B.C. Chamber of Commerce (provincial or regional Chambers), or any other organizations in which membership may be in the interests of the Chamber.

ARTICLE X- Fiscal Year

Section 49- The fiscal year of the Chamber shall commence on the first day of May in each year.

ARTICLE XI- Auditors

Section 50- By special request and by majority vote of members present at an Annual General Meeting and shall have the books and accounts of the Chamber audited. A financial statement shall be presented by the Treasurer at each Annual General Meeting and at any other time required by the Council. The Council shall have the power to appoint an auditor when requested.

ARTICLE XIII- Procedure

Section 51- Parliamentary Procedure shall be followed at all General and Council meetings in accordance with “Rules of Order” by Bourinot.