

Proposed Amendments

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS COMMUNITY LEAGUE BYLAWS**ARTICLE 1 NAME**

The name of the society is the Grandview Heights Community League. Hereafter referred to as the "Society".

ARTICLE 2 BOUNDARIES

The Community League shall encompass that portion of the City of Edmonton with boundaries described as follows:

- a) On the North by Grand View Drive and (Fox Drive)
- b) On the East by 122 Street
- c) On the South by 62 Avenue
- d) On the West by Grand View Drive

ARTICLE 3 DEFINING AND INTERPRETING THE BYLAWS

3.1 **Definitions** in these Bylaws, the following words have these meanings.

3.1.1 **Act** means the Societies Act R.S.A. 2000, Chapter S-14 as amended, or any statute substituted for it.

3.1.2 **Annual General Meeting** means the annual general meeting described in Article 6.1.

3.1.3 **Board** means the Board of Directors of this Society.

3.1.4 **Board of Directors** means President; Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer; and additional positions that may include: Social Director, Sports Director, Soccer Coordinator, Programs Director, Membership Director, Facilities Director, Civics Director, Newsletter Director, Web Page Director, U of A Liaison, Hall Rentals Director and other positions as determined by the Board.

3.1.5 **Bylaws** means the Bylaws of this Society as amended.

3.1.6 **Director** means any person elected or appointed to the Board.

3.1.7 **Executive Committee** means the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

3.1.8 **Executive Officer** means the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

3.1.9 **The Finance Committee** means the Treasurer, who is the Chairperson, and two (2) other Members appointed by the Board.

3.1.10 **General Meeting** means the Annual General Meeting and a Special General Meeting.

3.1.11 **Member** means a Member of the Society.

3.1.12 **Officer** means any Officer listed in Article 7.2.

3.1.13 **Registered Office** means the registered office for the Society.

3.1.14 **Register of Members** means the register maintained by the Board of Directors containing the names of the Members of the Society.

3.1.15 **Society** means the Grandview Heights Community League.

3.1.16 **Special Meeting** means the special general meeting described in Article 6.2.

3.1.17 **Special Resolution** means:

3.1.17.1 A resolution passed at a General Meeting of the membership of this Society. There must be twenty-one (21) days' notice for this meeting. The notice must state the proposed resolution. There must be approval by a vote of 75% of the voting Members who vote in person;

3.1.17.2 A resolution proposed and passed as a Special Resolution at a General Meeting with less than twenty-one (21) days' notice. There must be unanimous approval of voting members in attendance at the General meeting;

3.1.17.3 A resolution agreed to in writing by all the Voting Members who are eligible to vote on the resolution in person at a General Meeting.

3.1.18 **Voting Member** means a Member entitled to vote at the meetings of the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

ARTICLE 4 OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

4.1 The **Objects of the Society** are:

- To represent the interests of the members with all levels of government, the media and other individuals, organizations, corporations or groups whose activities might affect the use, value, enjoyment or amenities of the residents.
- To develop an informed public spirit among the members.
- To create or otherwise maintain all necessary buildings for the purpose of the league.
- To provide opportunity for social activities.
- To promote and encourage active living through recreational programs and amateur games.
- To engage in any other activities that may be approved by the members by special resolution at a Special Meeting or Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 5 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Classification of Members

Any resident within the stated boundaries will be a full Member upon payment of the membership fee.

There are three (3) categories of Members:

5.1.1 **Household Members** reside in one household.

5.1.2 **Honourary Life Member** may be conferred upon anyone who has provided service or has made significant, positive contributions to the community. The decision for presenting candidates for life memberships to the membership will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

5.1.3 **Associate Member** is a non-voting member (any business or institution located within the defined boundaries of the League or non-resident person who wishes to support the league and who has first purchased a membership in his or her home league).

5.2 Admission of Members

5.2.1 Any individual may become a Member in the appropriate category by meeting the requirements in Article 5.1. The individual will be entered as a Member under the appropriate category in the Register of Members.

5.3 Membership Fees

5.3.1 The membership year is September 1 to August 31.

5.3.2 The Board decides membership fees annually for each Members category.

5.4 Rights and Privileges of Members

5.4.1 **Any Member** in good standing is entitled to:

5.4.1.1 receive notice of meetings of the Society;

5.4.1.2 attend any meeting of the Society;

5.4.1.3 speak at any meeting of the Society; and

5.4.1.4 exercise other rights and privileges given to Members in these bylaws.

5.4.1.5 Voting Members: Only Members in good standing (as defined in Article

5.4.2 **Member in Good Standing:**

5.4.2.1 has paid membership fees or other required fees to the Society;

5.4.2.2 is not suspended as a Member as provided for under Article 5.5.

5.4.3.) can vote at meetings of the Society based on the following:

- Household Members are eligible for one vote per adult member up to a maximum of 2 votes per household.
- Honourary Life Members are eligible for one vote per member.

5.5 Suspension of Membership

5.5.1 **Decision to Suspend**

The Executive Committee will be empowered to expel any member from membership or a Board Member from office for one or more of the following reasons:

- if the Member has failed to abide by the Bylaws;
- if the Member has disrupted meetings or functions of the Society; or
- if the Member has acted in a manner that the Executive Committee judges to be harmful to the Society.

5.5.2 Notice to the Member

5.5.2.1 The affected Member will receive written notice of the Executive Committee's intention to deal with whether that Member should be suspended or not. The Member will receive at least fourteen (14) days' notice before the Meeting at which it will be considered.

5.5.2.2 The notice will be sent by registered mail to the last known address of the Member shown in the records of the Society. The notice may also be delivered by an Executive of the Board.

5.5.2.3 The notice will state the reasons why suspension is being considered and the length of time for the suspension.

5.5.3 Decision of the Board

5.5.3.1 The Member will have an opportunity to appear before the Board to address the matter. The Board may allow another person to accompany the Member.

5.5.3.2 The Board will determine how the matter will be dealt with, and may limit the time given the Member to address the Board.

5.5.3.3 The Board may exclude the Member from its discussion of the matter, including the deciding vote. Quorum for such a hearing will be majority of the Executive Officers.

5.5.3.4 The decision of the Board is final.

5.6 Termination of Membership

5.6.1 Resignation

5.6.1.1 Any Member may resign from the Society by sending or delivering a written notice to the Secretary or President of the Society.

5.6.1.2 Once the notice is received, the Member's name is removed from the Register of Members. The Member is considered to have ceased being a Member on the date his/her name is removed from the Register of Members.

5.6.2 **Death**

5.6.2.1 The membership of a Member is ended upon his/her death.

5.6.3 **Deemed Withdrawal**

5.6.3.1 If a Member has not paid the annual membership fees or has moved outside of the defined community league boundary, the Member is considered to have submitted his/her resignation. In this case, the name of the Member is removed from the Register of Members. The Member is considered to have ceased being a Member on the date his/her name is removed from the register of Members.

5.6.4 **Expulsion**

5.6.4.1 The Executive Committee will be given the power to expel any members from membership or a Board Member from office for any conduct deemed injurious to the league or its purposes. The decision of the Executive Committee is final.

5.6.4.2 All complaints heard before the Executive Committee must be in writing and marked 'Confidential and Without Prejudice'. Such complaints must specify the bylaw violation or injurious behaviour and cite attempts at discipline prior to the complaint being filed.

5.6.4.3 Pending a full and proper hearing, such Member or Director will be placed on suspension.

5.6.4.4 The Member or Director will be given 14 days written notice (registered mail or hand delivery) for the hearing. The Executive Committee will hear the Member's or Director's case.

5.6.4.5 Quorum for such a hearing will be a majority of the Executive Officers.

5.6.4.6 The Executive Committee will debate the matter “in private” and render a written decision within 72 hours.

5.6.4.7 At the conclusion of the hearing the majority vote of the Executive Committee will prevail.

5.6.4.8 If the individual fails to attend the hearing without reason, the termination will be effective immediately.

5.6.4.9 The Board of Directors may remove any Director from office, without a hearing, if he/she is absent from any three (3) consecutive meetings without regrets.

5.6.4.10 On passage of the Executive Committee decision, the name of the Member is removed from the Register of Members. The Member is considered to have ceased being a Member on the date his/her name is removed from the Register of Members.

5.7 Transmission of Membership

No right or privilege of any Member is transferable to another person. All rights and privileges cease when the Member resigns, dies or is expelled from the Society.

5.8 Continued Liability for Debts Due

Although a Member ceases to be a Member, by death, resignation or otherwise, he/she is liable for any debts owing to the Society at the date of ceasing to be a Member.

5.9 Limitation on the Liability of Members

No Member is, in his/her individual capacity, liable for any debt or liability of the Society.

ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

6.1 The Annual General Meeting

6.1.1 **The Society** holds its Annual General Meeting within ninety (90) days after the fiscal year-end for the presentation of the financial report and election of officers. The fiscal year of the League shall end on the 31st day of March. The Board sets the place, day and time of the meeting.

6.1.2 **The Secretary** Notifies members at least twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting. This notice states the place, date and time of the Annual General Meeting, and any business requiring a Special Resolution Notification may be communicated by any suitable means sanctioned by the Board, and can include, but is not limited to the methods of postal and electronic mail.

6.1.3 **Agenda for the Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting deals with the following matters:

- (a) adopting the agenda;
- (b) adopting the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;
- (c) considering the President's report;
- (d) reviewing the current financial statements setting out the Society's income, disbursements, assets and liabilities for the previous year;
- (e) elections;
- (f) considering matters specified in the meeting notice.

6.1.4 **Quorum**

A quorum for all Annual General or Special General Meetings will be 10 members in good standing.

6.2 **Special General Meeting of the Society**

6.2.1 **Calling of Special General Meeting**

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time:

- (a) by a resolution of the Board of Directors to that effect; or
- (b) on the written request of at least five (5) Board Members. The request must state the reason for the Special General Meeting and the motion(s) intended to be submitted at the Special General Meeting; or
- (c) on the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Voting Members. The request must state the reason for the Special General Meeting and the motion(s) intended to be submitted at such Special General Meeting.

6.2.2 **Notice**

The Secretary mails or delivers, or uses other methods sanctioned by the board that may include, but is not limited to electronic mail or paper media, a notice to each member at least twenty-one (21) days before the Special General Meeting. This notice states the place, date, time and purpose of the Special General Meeting.

6.2.3 Agenda for Special General Meeting

Only the matter(s) set out in the notice for the Special General Meeting are considered at the Special General Meeting.

6.2.4 Procedure at the Special General Meeting

Any Special General Meeting has the same method of voting and the same quorum requirements as the Annual General Meeting (6.3)

6.3 Proceedings at the Annual or a Special General Meeting

6.3.1 Attendance by the Public

General Meetings of the Society are open to the public. A majority of the Members present may ask any persons who are not Members to leave.

6.3.2 Failure to Reach Quorum

The President cancels the General Meeting if a quorum is not present within one-half (1/2) hour after the set time. If cancelled, the meeting is rescheduled for one (1) week later at the same time and place. If a quorum is not present within one-half (1/2) hour after the set time of the second meeting, the meeting will proceed with the Members in attendance.

6.3.3 Presiding Officer

6.3.3.1 The President chairs every General Meeting of the Society. The Vice-President chairs in the absence of the President.

6.3.3.2 If neither the President nor the Vice-President is present within one-half (1/2) hour after the set time for the General Meeting, the Members present choose one (1) of the Members to chair.

6.3.4 Adjournment

6.3.4.1 The President may adjourn any General Meeting with the consent of the Members at the meeting. The adjourned General Meeting conducts only the unfinished business from the initial Meeting.

6.3.4.2 No notice is necessary if the General Meeting is adjourned for less than thirty (30) days.

6.3.4.3 The Society must give notice when a General Meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more. Notice must be the same as for any General Meeting.

6.3.5 Voting

6.3.5.1 Each Voting Member has one (1) vote. A show of hands decides every vote at every General Meeting. A ballot is used for elections that are contested and if requested by at least five (5) voting Members.

6.3.5.2 The President does not have a second or casting vote in the case of a tie vote. If there is a tie vote, the motion is defeated.

6.3.5.3 A Voting Member may not vote by proxy.

6.3.5.4 A majority of the votes of the Voting Members present decides each issue and resolution, unless the issue needs to be decided by a Special Resolution.

6.3.5.5 The President declares a resolution carried or lost. This statement is final, and does not have to include the number of votes for and against the resolution.

6.3.5.6 Members may withdraw their request for a ballot.

6.3.6 Failure to Give Notice of Meeting

No action taken at a General Meeting is invalid due to:

- (a) accidental omission to give any notice to any Member;
- (b) any Member not receiving any notice; or
- (c) any error in any notice that does not affect the meaning.

6.3.7 Written Resolution of All the Voting Members:

All Voting Members may agree to and sign a resolution. This resolution is as valid as one passed at a General Meeting. It is not necessary to give notice or to call a General Meeting. The date on the resolution is the date it is passed.

ARTICLE 7 THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIETY

7.1 The Board of Directors Governance and Management of the Society:

The Board governs and manages the affairs of the Society. The Board may hire a paid administrator to carry out management functions under the direction and supervision of the Board.

7.1.2 Powers and Duties of the Board:

The Board has the powers of the Society, except as stated in the *Societies Act*. The powers and duties of the Board include:

- (a) Promoting the objects of the Society;
- (b) Promoting membership in the Society;
- (c) Hiring employees, for the efficient functioning of the league's business;
- (d) Regulating employees' duties and setting their salaries;
- (e) Maintaining and protecting the Society's assets and property;
- (f) Approving an annual budget for all director(s) of the Society;
- (g) Paying all expenses for operating and managing the Society;
- (h) Paying persons for services and protecting persons from debts of the Society;
- (i) Investing any extra monies;
- (j) Financing the operations of the Society, and borrowing or raising monies;
- (k) Making policies for managing and operating the Society;
- (l) Approving all contracts for the Society;
- (m) Maintaining all accounts and financial records of the Society;
- (n) Appointing legal counsel as necessary;

- (o) Making policies, rules and regulations for managing and operating the Society and using its facilities and assets;
- (p) Selling, disposing of, or mortgaging any or all of the property of the Society; and
- (q) Without limiting the general responsibility of the Board, delegating its powers and duties to the Executive Committee or the paid administrator of the Society.

7.1.3 Composition of the Board

Consists of:

- President;
- Immediate Past President;
- Vice-President;
- Secretary;
- Treasurer;

Additional positions may include: Social Director, Sports Director, Soccer Coordinator, Programs Director, Membership Director, Facilities Director, Civics Director, Newsletter Director, Web Page Director, U of A Liaison, Hall Rentals Director and other positions as determined by the Board.

7.1.4 Election of the Directors and the President

7.1.4.1 Any person elected to the Board must be a member of the Society in good standing.

7.1.4.2 All terms will be for a minimum of one year.

7.1.4.3 A person appointed or elected becomes a Director if they were present at the meeting when being appointed or elected, and did not refuse the appointment or nomination. They may also become a Director if they were not present at the meeting but consented in writing to act as Director before the appointment or election.

7.1.5 Resignation, Death or Removal of a Director

7.1.5.1 A Director including the President and immediate Past President may resign from office by notice in writing effective the end of the term and Annual General Meeting.

7.1.5.2 Voting Members may remove any Director including the President and the immediate Past President, before the end of his/her term. There must be a majority vote at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose.

7.1.5.3 The Board of Directors may remove any Director from office, without a hearing, if he/she is absent from any three (3) consecutive meetings without regrets.

7.1.5.4 If there is a vacancy on the Board, the remaining Directors may appoint a Member in good standing to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term. This does not apply to the position of immediate Past President. This position remains vacant until the next AGM.

7.1.6 Meetings of the Board

7.1.6.1 The Board holds at least six (6) meetings each year.

7.1.6.2 The President calls the meetings. The President also calls a meeting if any four (4) Directors make a request in writing and state the business for the meeting.

7.1.6.3 Ten (10) days' notice for Board meetings is required to be mailed or electronically delivered to each Board Member. Board Members may waive notice.

7.1.6.4 Quorum for any Board meeting is a majority of Board members.

7.1.6.5 If there is no quorum, the President adjourns the meeting to reconvene within three (3) weeks.

7.1.6.6 Each Director, including the President and the Past President, has one (1) vote.

7.1.6.7 Voting on item(s) is done in Meetings of the Board. Directors must be present at Meetings of the Board to have (1) vote on any issue(s). A Director may not vote by proxy. The exception is motions of a time-sensitive nature and can be voted on by members of the executive via email to an amount not exceeding \$1000.00.

7.1.6.8 The President does not have a second or casting vote in the case of a tie vote. A tie vote means the motion is defeated.

7.1.6.9 Meetings of the Board are open only to Directors without prior request. A majority of the Directors present may ask any other Members, or other persons present, to leave.

7.1.6.10 All Directors may agree to and sign a resolution. This resolution is as valid as one passed at any Board meeting. It is not necessary to give notice or to call a Board meeting. The date on the resolution is the date it is passed.

7.1.6.11 Irregularities or errors done in good faith do not invalidate acts done by any meeting of the Board. A Director may waive formal notice of a meeting.

7.2 Executive Committee & Executive Officers

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Executive Officers of the Society, which are the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

7.3 Duties of the Board members may include but are not limited to:

7.3.1 The President

- supervises the affairs of the Board;
- when present, chairs all meetings of the Society, the Board and the Executive Committee;
- is a signing authority;
- is an ex-officio member of all Committees, except the Nominating Committee;
- acts as the spokesperson for the Society or appoints a designate;
- chairs the Executive Committee; and
- carries out other duties assigned by the Board such as signing authority.

7.3.2 The Vice -President

- presides at meetings in the President's absence. If the Vice-President is absent, the Directors elect a Chairperson for the meeting;
- replaces the President at various functions when asked to do so by the President or the Board;
- is a signing authority;

- is responsible for the annual review of the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures;
- is a member of the Executive Committee; and
- carries out other duties assigned by the Board.

7.3.3 The Secretary

- attends all meetings of the Society, the Board and the Executive Committee;
- keeps accurate minutes of these meetings;
- has charge of the minute book and other records;
- has charge of the Board's correspondence under the direction of the President and the Board;
- is a signing authority;
- makes sure all notices of various meetings are sent;
- makes sure annual fees are collected and deposited;
- keeps the Seal of the Society;
- is a member of the Executive Committee;
- files the annual return, changes in the directors of the organization, amendments in the bylaws and other incorporating documents with the Corporate Registry; and
- carries out other duties assigned by the Board.

7.3.4 The Treasurer

- makes sure all monies paid to the Society are deposited in a chartered bank, treasury branch or trust company chosen by the Board;
- makes sure a detailed account of revenues and expenditures is presented at every Board and General Meeting;
- is a signing authority;
- makes sure an audited statement of the financial position of the Society is prepared and presented at the Annual General Meeting;
- chairs the Finance Committee of the Board;
- is a member of the Executive Committee; and
- carries out other duties assigned by the Board.

7.3.5 The Past President

- chairs the Nominating Committee; and
- carries out other duties assigned by the Board.

7.3.6 Social Director

- is responsible for all matters pertaining to social activities of the League, including dances, social nights, etc.;
- prepares an annual budget for social activities and submits it to the Treasurer for approval of the board;
- reviews and prepares policy and procedures with respect to social activities; reports monthly to the Board of Directors .

7.3.7 Sports & Soccer Director

- is responsible for all matters pertaining to sports, including the registration and organization of baseball, soccer, etc.;
- recruits representatives or acts as the representative to the sports governing bodies;
- prepares an annual budget for the sports programs and submits it to the Treasurer for approval of the board ;
- reviews and prepares policy and procedures with respect to sports programs; and
- reports monthly to the Board of Directors .

7.3.8 Programs Director

- is responsible for all programs, including talent competitions, educational events, Playschool etc.;
- prepares an annual budget for programs and submits it to the Treasurer for approval of the board;
- reviews and prepares policy and procedures with respect to programs; and
- reports monthly to the Board of Directors .

7.3.9 Membership Director

- is responsible for the organization, timing and completion of the annual Membership campaign;
- keeps a record of and maintains the membership lists and other records pertaining to membership;
- ensures compliance with the EFCL Code of Ethics with respect to selling memberships;
- prepares an annual budget for membership and submits it to the Treasurer for approval of the board;
- reviews and prepares policy and procedures with respect to membership; and
- reports monthly to the Board of Directors.

7.3.10 Hall Rentals Director

- is responsible for the supervision of hall rentals, ensuring league access takes priority, and necessary lease agreements are in place;

- prepares an annual budget for the facilities and submits it to the Treasurer for approval of the board;
- reviews and prepares policy and procedures with respect to the facilities; and
- reports monthly to the Board of Directors .

7.3.11 Facilities Director

- is responsible for the development and maintenance of the community centre, rinks, parking lot, and other league facilities;
- prepares an annual budget for the facilities and submits it to the Treasurer for approval of the board;
- reviews and prepares policy and procedures with respect to the facilities; and
- reports monthly to the Board of Directors .

7.3.12 Civics Director

- liaises with City departments such as Planning and Development; Transportation, and City Council, etc.;
- provides liaison to the Board with any Ad Hoc Committees relating to specific planning, development, transportation or other civic issues;
- prepares a project budget for committee and submits it to the Treasurer for approval of the board; and
- reports monthly to the Board of Directors.

7.3.13 Newsletter Director

- is responsible for the publication of the newsletter and participates in collecting articles for the newsletter;
- oversees the delivery of the newsletter;
- oversees the Community League sign and the bulletin board;
- is responsible for the maintenance of the League website;
- arranges for publicity for league events;
- prepares an annual budget for publicity and submits it to the Treasurer for approval of the board for approval of the board;
- reviews and prepares policy and procedures with respect to publicity; and
- reports monthly to the Board of Directors.

7.4 Board Committees

7.4.1 Establishing Committees: The Board may appoint committees to advise the Board. These committees will carry out the functions and otherwise act in accordance with such resolutions or “Terms of Reference” as may be passed by the Board of Directors or at a General Meeting.

7.4.2 General Procedures for Committees

7.4.2.1 A Board Member chairs each committee created by the Board.

7.4.2.2 The Chairperson calls committee meetings. Each committee:

- records minutes of its meetings;
- distributes these minutes to the committee members;
- provides reports to the Board at the Board’s request.

7.4.2.3 Two (2) days’ notice is required. The notice states the date, place and time of the committee meeting. Committee members may waive notice.

7.4.2.4 A majority of the committee members present at a meeting is a quorum.

7.4.2.5 Each member of the committee, including the Chairperson, has one (1) vote at the committee meeting. The Chairperson does not have a casting vote in case of a tie.

7.4.3 The Executive Committee:

(a) Consists of the Executive Officers, which is the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

(b) Is responsible for:

- carrying out emergency and unusual business between Board meetings;
- reporting to the Board on actions taken between Board meetings;
- carrying out other duties as assigned by the Board.

(c) All meetings of the Executive Committee are called by the President or on the request of any two (2) other Officers. They must request in writing that the President call a meeting and state the business of the meeting.

(d) All Executive Officers may agree to and sign a resolution. This resolution is as valid as one passed at an Executive Committee meeting. It is not necessary to give notice or to call a meeting of the Executive Committee. The date on the resolution is the date it is passed.

(e) A meeting of the Executive Committee may be held by a conference call. Officers who participate in this call are considered present for the meeting.

(f) Irregularities or errors done in good faith do not invalidate acts done by any meeting of the Executive Committee.

(g) An Executive Officer may waive formal notice of a meeting.

(h) All decisions of the Executive Committee are to be ratified at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting or are to be deemed null and void.

7.4.4 The Finance Committee:

(a) Consists of the Treasurer, who is the Chairperson, and three (3) other Members appointed by the Board.

(b) Is responsible for:

- recommending budget policies to the Board;
- investigating and making recommendations to the Board for acquiring funds and property;
- recommending policies on disbursing and investing funds to the Board;
- establishing policies for Board and committee expenditures;
- arranging the annual audit of the books;
- reporting on the year's activities at the Annual General Meeting; and
- carrying out other duties assigned by the Board.

8. ARTICLE 8 FINANCE AND OTHER MANAGEMENT MATTERS

8.1 The Registered Office

The Registered Office of the Society is located in Edmonton, Alberta. Another place may be established at the Annual General Meeting or by resolution of the Board.

8.2 Finance and Auditing

8.2.1 The fiscal year of the Society ends on March 31st of each year.

8.2.2 The books, accounts, and records of the Secretary and Treasurer will be audited once per year by a duly qualified accountant or by two members of the League not currently serving on the board, elected for that purpose at the Annual General Meeting. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books will be presented by the Auditor / Members of the league at each Annual General Meeting.

8.3 Seal of the Society

8.3.1 The Board may adopt a seal as the Seal of the Society.

8.3.2 The Secretary has control and custody of the seal, unless the Board decides otherwise.

8.3.3 The Seal of the Society can only be used by Officers authorized by the Board. The Board must pass a motion to name the authorized Officers.

8.4 Cheques and Contracts of the Society

8.4.1 The designated Executive Officers of the Board sign all cheques drawn on the monies of the Society. Two signatures are required on all cheques.

8.4.2 No two members of the same household will be signing authorities. No signing authority will sign a cheque where they are the payee.

8.4.3 All contracts of the Society must be signed by the Officers or other persons authorized to do so by resolution of the Board.

8.5 The Keeping and Inspection of the Books and Records of the Society

8.5.1 The Secretary keeps a copy of the Minute Books and records minutes of all meetings of the Members and of the Board.

8.5.2 The Secretary keeps the original Minute Books at the Registered Office of the Society. This record contains minutes from all meetings of the Society, the Board and the Executive Committee.

8.5.3 The Board keeps and files all necessary books and records of the Society as required by the Bylaws, the *Societies Act*, or any other statute or laws.

8.5.4 A Member wishing to inspect the books or records of the Society must give reasonable notice to the President or the Secretary of the Society of his intention to do so.

8.5.5 Unless otherwise permitted by the Board, such inspection will take place only at the Registered Office, or other regular business premises operated by the Society, during normal business hours.

8.5.6 All financial records of the Society are open for such inspection by the Members.

8.5.7 Other records of the Society are also open for inspection, except for records that the Board designates as confidential.

8.6 Borrowing Powers

8.6.1 The Society may borrow or raise funds to meet its objects and operations. The Board decides the amounts and ways to raise money, including giving or granting security.

8.6.2 The Society may issue debentures to borrow only by resolution of the Board confirmed by a Special Resolution of the Society.

8.7 Payments

8.7.1 No Member, Board Member or Executive Officer of the Society receives any payment for his/her services as a Member, Director or Officer.

8.7.2 Reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out duties of the Society may be reimbursed upon Board approval.

8.8 Protection and Indemnity of Directors and Officers

8.8.1 Each Director or Officer holds office with protection from the Society. The Society indemnifies each Director or Officer against all costs or charges that result from any act done in his/her role for the Society. The Society does not protect any Director or Officer for acts of fraud, dishonesty or bad faith.

8.8.2 No Board Member or Executive Officer is liable for the acts of any other Executive Officer, Board Member or employee. No Board Member or Executive Officer is responsible for any loss or damage due to the bankruptcy, insolvency, or wrongful act of any person, firm or corporation dealing with the Society. No Board Member or Executive Officer is liable for any loss due to an oversight or error in judgment, or by an act in his role for the Society, unless the act is fraud, dishonesty or bad faith.

8.8.3 Board Members or Executive Officers can rely on the accuracy of any statement or report prepared by the Society's auditor. Directors or Officers are not held liable for any loss or damage as a result of acting on that statement or report.

8.9 Amendments to the Bylaws

8.9.1 These Bylaws may be rescinded, altered, or added to by a Special Resolution at a General, Special General, or Annual General Meeting with 21 days' notice in writing or otherwise as set out in Article 6.

8.9.2 Any proposed changes must be reviewed at a Board of Directors meeting before being forwarded to a General, Special General or Annual General Meeting.

8.10 Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the League, all real property, fixtures, and liquid assets remaining after the payment of any debts will become the property of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, in trust. The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues will hold the cash assets in trust until they are able to activate or merge the League. The real property will pass to the City of Edmonton, pursuant to the Tripartite Licence Agreement.

8.11 Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, in its most current edition, will govern the proceedings at all meetings and in all cases where applicable, provided that Robert's Rules of Order are not inconsistent with these Bylaws or the requirements of the *Societies Act*.

8.12 Membership in the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL)

The league will retain membership in the EFCL and abide by the EFCL's Code of Ethics.

9. ARTICLE 9 ADDRESS OF THE LEAGUE

The address of the League shall be that of the Grandview Heights Community Hall.