

# Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society



**CONSTITUTION**  
**Revised and Approved**  
**October 22, 2018**



## 1. ORGANIZATION:

**1.1 Name:** The Society shall be known as "The Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society" and is hereinafter referred to as "The Society".

**1.2 Affiliation:** This non-profit organization shall be subject to the Constitution of the Ontario Horticultural Association and the provisions of the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A9. The conditions of the Act and Amendments thereto shall be complied with at all times.

## 2. OBJECTIVES:

**2.1** to encourage an interest in all branches of horticulture,

**2.2** to promote and implement civic beautification,

**2.3** to encourage planting trees, shrubs and flowers in our municipality,

**2.4** to stimulate and support youth interest in horticulture,

**2.5** to promote the circulation of horticultural information,

**2.6** to promote protection of the environment through practice, lectures and any other suitable means.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP:

**3.1** Every person seventeen years of age and older, is entitled to membership in The Society.

**3.2** Every person age six to sixteen, is entitled to an Associate Junior membership in The Society.

**3.3** The annual membership fees shall be determined by The Board of Directors and shall be payable on a calendar year basis.

**3.4** Every member of The Society, in good standing, is entitled to vote on all questions coming before a general or special meeting of The Society.

**3.5** The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may appoint honorary and or life members of The Society.

**3.6** The Board of Directors may grant complimentary membership(s) to persons or organizations in recognition of "service gratis".

## 4. OFFICERS AND DUTIES:

**4.1** The officers of The Society shall be: a President, an immediate Past President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**4.2** The President, First Vice President and Second Vice President shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office for a term of two years.

**4.3** The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by The Board of Directors and shall remain in office at the pleasure of The Board. The appointee must be a member in good standing.

**4.4** The President shall preside at all meetings of The Board and The Society. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

**4.5** The First and Second Vice Presidents shall assist the President in the duties of the office and shall preside over the meetings of The Board and The Society in the absence of the President. In the absence of the President(s), the Board may appoint a temporary replacement to act on behalf of the President(s).

**4.6** The Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the minutes of all meetings and all work of The Society. With the approval of The Board, duties may be delegated. It is the Secretary's responsibility to ensure that all delegated duties are performed accurately and satisfactorily. The

Secretary may be a member of all committees and have a vote on all matters of The Society.

**4.7** The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to The Society and shall pay all debts drawn on The Society subject to the approval of The Board. The Treasurer shall furnish to The Society an annual financial report of all receipts and expenditures and shall retain all orders (receipts) for the amounts paid. As directed by The Board, the Treasurer will arrange to have the annual report examined. The Treasurer will ensure, to the best of his/her ability that The Society is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Horticultural Societies Act, and the Provincial and Federal legislations, where applicable which relate to permissible expenditures and funding. The Treasurer will have a vote on all matters of The Society.

#### **5. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**5.1** The Board of Directors of The Society shall be composed of: the Officers, as outlined above, and up to 20 Directors.

**5.2** The Directors shall be elected, at the Annual Meeting. No Directors of The Society shall receive remuneration for their services as Directors.

**5.3** Meeting of The Board shall be called by the Secretary, upon the direction of the President or of any three members of The Board, by giving notice to all members of The Board, at least three days before the time fixed for the meeting. A meeting of The Board may be called following any general or annual meeting of The Society without notice.

**5.4** Subject to the Constitution and By-laws of The Society, The Board has the power to act for and on behalf of The Society in all matters.

**5.5** One third (1/3) of the members of The Board constitute a quorum.

**5.6** The Board may determine what general or special meetings of The Society shall be held each year.

**5.7** The Board shall establish standing committees, as required.

**5.8** All monetary expenditures and commitments must have prior approval from The Board of Directors.

**5.9** In the event of an emergency requiring expenditure of funds without a meeting of The Board, the President may authorize such action of expenditure provided he or she has the unanimous consent of the elected Officers and three members of The Board. Any such action or expenditure must be brought to the attention of The Board at the first meeting of The Board following the emergency.

**5.10** It shall be the duty of the Directors to attend The Board and general meetings of The Society.

**5.11** The Directors will assist and cooperate with the Officers in such work as may be undertaken by The Society during the year.

#### **6. FILLING VACANCIES:**

**6.1** Upon the resignation, death, or incapacity of the President to fulfill the duties of the office, the First Vice President shall succeed to that office "ad interim".

**6.2** Any Officer or Director of The Society may be removed from Office for a specified cause upon a two third (2/3) vote of the full Board.

**6.3** When a vacancy occurs on The Board by reason of the resignation or death or incapacity of any Officer or Director, the remaining members of The Board may

appoint any member of The Society to fill the vacancy.

#### **7. PROPERTY:**

**7.1** The Society shall at no time possess or deal in real estate.

**7.2** Locations used for Civic plantings must be public property located in the Township of Oro-Medonte.

#### **8. FISCAL YEAR:**

**8.1** The Board of Directors shall determine The Society's fiscal year.

#### **9. EXAMINATION OF BOOKS:**

**9.1** Two Financial Examiners shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

**9.2** The books will be examined by the financial examiners at the end of each fiscal year.

#### **10. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:**

**10.1** The Constitution and/or By-Laws of The Society may be amended only by a two third (2/3) majority of those members present and voting at the Annual, General or Special Meeting of which notice has been given to all members of record, at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

#### **11. PROFIT AND GAIN:**

**11.1** No personal profit or gain may be derived by any Director of The Society as a direct or indirect result of any pursuit of The Society.

**11.2** Any profit or gain achieved by The Society will be used in promoting the objectives of The Society.