

AGM 2022 – Proposed Motion to Amend CNH Constitution

The Collingwood Neighbourhood House (“CNH”) Board of Directors wishes to present to the CNH membership a motion to amend the CNH Constitution.

We passed a revised constitution at a special general meeting, and then the AGM, in 2019. We sent the revised constitution to the Canada Revenue Agency, the CRA, to determine if it believes our purposes are charitable. After a lot of back and forth between CNH, our lawyers and the CRA, the CRA had one remaining issue with our charitable purposes: the CRA did not like the wording of: “providing athletic, recreational, education, artistic and cultural programs and activities for children and youth”.

The CRA suggested we use the language: “increasing Indigenous youth’s knowledge and appreciation of Indigenous culture, history and traditions through workshops, and structured outdoor activities”.

After review of the suggested change, the CNH Board of Directors approved the CRA’s language.

COLLINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

~~JULY 2019~~SEPTEMBER 2022

The purposes of the Society are:

1. to provide a public amenity by establishing, maintaining and operating an educational, cultural and multi-use recreational facility in Vancouver, British Columbia for the use and benefit of members of the public in the Renfrew-Collingwood area of Vancouver, British Columbia;
2. to advance education by:
 - (a) establishing, maintaining and operating public child care, pre-school and before and after-school care programs for children and their families;
 - (b) providing publicly available leadership and skills training programs to children, youth, adults, seniors, Indigenous people and newcomers to Canada;
 - (c) providing public educational courses, seminars and workshops on a variety of topics for children, youth, adults, seniors, Indigenous people and newcomers to Canada; and
 - ~~(d)~~(e) providing employment-related training to persons who are unemployed, underemployed or facing a real prospect of imminent unemployment who are in need of assistance;
of Indigenous youth by increasing the knowledge and appreciation of Indigenous culture, history and traditions through workshops and structured activities
3. to relieve conditions associated with the aged, such as loneliness, isolation and both physical and mental decline, by providing social and recreational programs for seniors residing in and around the Renfrew-Collingwood area of Vancouver, British Columbia;
4. to address and prevent issues faced by children and youth residing in and around Renfrew-Collingwood area of Vancouver, British Columbia, including bullying, substance abuse, peer pressure, and low self-esteem by:
 - (a) providing mentoring, leadership development opportunities and one-on-one counselling;
 - ~~(b) providing athletic, recreational, educational, artistic and cultural programs and activities for children and youth; and~~
 - (c) operating a supervised youth centre that provides structured programs directed toward resolving the foregoing issues;
5. to address and prevent specific problems faced by families by providing parents, children, and youth with mentoring programs, workshops, and seminars on issues such as effective parenting strategies, conflict resolution, and effective communication;
6. to assist immigrants to Canada by delivering courses, training, workshops and settlement services designed to integrate immigrants into the community;
7. to relieve poverty by:
 - (a) providing basic necessities of life, including food, clean water and clothing and personal hygiene items to poor, low income or homeless individuals and families;
 - (b) providing rent supplement payments for low-income individuals and families who would otherwise be at risk of homelessness;
8. to promote health by providing the public with primary care medical services and community health services; and
9. to do all such other things as are incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the foregoing purposes and the exercise of the powers of the Society.