

Creative Neighbourhoods Inc.
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CCRA Registration Number 84668 0874 RC0001

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Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be Creative Neighbourhoods, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “the organization”)

Article 2: Purpose

Creative Neighbourhoods is a non-profit (non-charitable) organization dedicated to strengthening the capacity of community-based organizations and associations of residents and local businesses in Ottawa’s inner-city, suburban and rural neighbourhoods, while supporting collaborative dialogue between these organizations, municipal government and property developers.

Mandate:

The establishment and operation of a community organization for the purposes of

- (a) Strengthening neighbourhood identity;
- (b) Improving the use of public space;
- (c) Promoting the creative arts;
- (d) Contributing to greater cultural diversity and social inclusion; and,
- (e) Developing mechanisms for selecting and funding projects meeting with these objectives.

These purposes will be accomplished through the following actions:

- (a) Collaborating with a broad range of stakeholders active in the neighbourhood, including residents, business owners, property developers and elected officials;
- (b) Contributing to the preparation of neighbourhood plans focused on the neighbourhood as a compact, walkable, and accessible destination and meeting place for a cross-section of society;
- (c) Supporting the collaborative development of urban design guidelines consistent with a community vision;
- (d) Contributing to enhancements in the design and use of existing public spaces and community amenities such as parks, squares, sidewalks, markets and public transit stops/stations;
- (e) Supporting the installation of a broad range of visual and performance art in public spaces; and,
- (f) Identifying opportunities for the design of alternative energy and community energy systems.

Article 3: Membership

There shall be individual and family membership in Creative Neighbourhoods, Inc. Membership shall be open to any individual or family and shall be established upon payment of annual dues.

Community organizations, businesses and other groups may affiliate with Creative Neighbourhoods, Inc. Affiliation shall be established upon payment of an affiliation fee.

Article 4: Dues

Dues and affiliation fees shall be established at a general meeting of the membership.

Article 5: Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall take place once every calendar year at a time and place determined by the Directors.

Notice of meeting shall be distributed to members and affiliated organizations at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Additional membership meetings may be held from time to time at the discretion of the Directors.

Individual members are entitled to vote at membership meetings. Family members are entitled to one (1) vote per family. Members must be in attendance at the meeting in order to vote.

Affiliated organizations are entitled to one (1) vote per organization. Designated representatives of the affiliated organization must be in attendance at the meeting in order to vote.

Article 5: Directors

Directors are responsible for the day-to-day administration and finances of the organization. Directors shall be elected at each annual general meeting and must have been an individual or family member of Creative Neighbourhoods, Inc. for at least one (1) year.

There shall be at least three, and no more than ten, Directors.

Duties of Directors shall include:

- 1) developing a strategic plan for the organization and ensuring that it is implemented

- 2) keeping accurate records of meetings
- 3) maintaining accurate finances, to be audited yearly.
- 4) liaising with community organizations and government officials
- 5) secure funds for the ongoing work of the organization as well as specific projects and activities
- 6) monitoring projects and partnerships
- 6) ensuring regular communications with the membership

Article 6: Advisory Board

Directors shall appoint an Advisory Board, which shall provide advice and recommendations regarding the organization's strategic plan, policies and activities.

Article 7: Amendment

These by-laws shall be amended upon two-thirds vote of members present at any general membership meeting.

Article 8: Special Provisions

Upon dissolution of the corporation and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed or disposed of to charities registered under the Income Tax Act (Canada), in Canada.