

FBCA Constitution Revisions 2021 RATIONALE

The 2015 Societies Act of BC states that a constitution must only set out the name and the purposes of the society, and that it must not contain additional provisions. However, constitutions for pre-existing organizations were grandfathered to allow retention of any such provisions. The current FBCA Constitution has such provisions, and as part of the current Bylaws review it seems a good time to clean it up.

SPECIFIC CHANGES:

CONSTITUTION

1. Numbers removed; not required
2. The purposes limited to 2 items:
 - a. To maintain and manage a community hall, grounds, and outdoor amenities, for use by the residents of Fanny Bay and surrounding areas.
 - i. Reworded and combined original a & b to include grounds and other amenities such as playground and dog park.
 - ii. Removed “used on a first come, first served basis” because this is not always true. At most times, FBCA events and activities take priority over public/private rental events and activities. A Policy on prioritizing Hall Usage has been approved by the Board (see below).
 - b. To provide and support programs, events, activities, and communications to benefit the community as a whole.
 - i. The FBCA does more than just maintain and manage things. Added the phrase about benefiting the community as a whole because this is one of the criteria for receiving not-for-profit status from the Canada Revenue Agency.
3. Para 2 c) removed, felt to be inferred in new statement a.
4. Para 3 reworded and moved to Bylaws #8.1
5. Para 4 reworded and moved to Bylaws #8.6
6. Para 5 removed. Developed into a Policy passed by the Board on June 24, 2021.
 - a. Policy: The FBCA will provide access to any of its facilities to any person or persons who wish to use it in accordance with the purposes and mission of the FBCA. Rental rates for use of the facilities will not be restrictive or discriminatory to non-members.
7. Para 6 removed; not required.