



Proposed New Constitution and Bylaws for Shelbourne Community Kitchen

Why change the bylaws?

To become compliant with the newest BC Societies Act changes and for effective governance given the growth of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Society, the Board authorized the updating of the bylaws. The current bylaws (2017) are posted on the website. Beginning in September of 2021 and during the winter months, these proposed bylaws were reviewed by several present board members, two previous board members and the Program Director. Some sections of the bylaws have generated discussion and revision.

In a nutshell, the changes are summarized below:

- Many provisions for Directors have been added in the Act (eg. qualifications, accountability, consent, disclosure, liability, election and appointment of, removal).
- Other new bylaws include those about board authority, record-keeping, borrowing of money, special resolution threshold, electronic voting, indemnity and protection, and amendments.
- There are changes to the role of treasurer, chairperson, quorum and size of the board.
- There are changes to sub-section titles and re-numbering.
- Many sections remain unchanged. The proposed changes are now current to April 6, 2022.