**SAMPLE RATEPAYERS CONSTITUTION**

The express and only purpose for the creation and on-going existence of the Stouffville Village Ratepayers is the preservation of the Town Core and the surrounding area, and to protect the quality of life that is afforded its residents.

The Membership will be open to all residents over the age of 18 years, residing in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, defined by the boundaries of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All monies entrusted to the association will be kept in a separate and distinct bank account, under the auspices of the Board of Directors. Any expenditure of monies will require the signatures of the current President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. All income and expenditures will be detailed and accounted for in a financial report to the membership no later than four weeks of the successive calendar year.

The Board of Directors will be elected for a term of 12 months. The Board will consist of the following persons:

President –

Vice-President –

Secretary/Director–

Treasurer/Director -

Director-at-large –

The Board will also have the ability to enlarge the number of directors at their discretion. Each meeting will be conducted with one vote being assigned to each member of the Board. A simple majority will decide any issue being discussed. The Board will be elected in a properly called meeting held at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the 12 month term of office. Each member of the association will receive a notice of said meeting giving at least 14-days notice. Nominations will be accepted for each position and an election will be held during the given meeting. Each position will be decided by a simple majority. At all general meetings, each household will only get one vote.

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Given the necessity of organizing the association, all initial positions on the board will be held on an "interim" basis. All positions will be filled on an appointment basis. Thereafter, and no later than 6 months from the inception date of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a special meeting will be called to conduct elections to all positions as outlined on Page No. 1.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Ratepayers will actively work with other ratepayer associations in the Town of Whitchurch Stouffville in its pursuit of the preservation of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and surrounding area.

We will establish a nominal annual fee per household at a later date. The Board of Directors reserves the right to set the dollar amount; fees will be based on covering basic administrative costs. In addition, should additional monies prove necessary in order to conduct studies or retain professional consultants, always with the sole intent of preserving the Stouffville Village and surrounding area, then the Board further reserves the right to present their request to the membership-at- large. Should this prove to be the case, the donations will be on a voluntary basis, only.

In order for a Board Meeting to be properly convened, there must be in attendance, the President and at least five (5) other members of the Board. Minutes of all meetings will be taken by the Secretary.

Any communication between the Board and its membership or indeed the community-at-large must be approved first by the President and the majority of the Board.

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