



STRATHROY-CARADOC HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION – JANUARY 16, 2019

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Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Strathroy-Caradoc Horticultural Society, henceforth referred to as “the Society”.

Article II – Authority

The Society is organized under the authority of Bill 66 – “The Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act of the Province of Ontario”, hereinafter referred to as “the Act”. All articles of this constitution shall be read to conform to said Act. All regulations set forth in Bill 66 or as it may be revised shall become part of this constitution. If this constitution should be in conflict with the Act, the provisions of the Act and regulations there under shall govern.

Article III – Objectives

The objectives of the Society shall be as set forth in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act of the Province of Ontario (Bill 66, section 36) – to encourage interest, improvement in horticulture and related environmental issues by:

- a) Holding meetings respecting the theory and practice of horticulture;
- b) Encouraging the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers on public and private grounds;
- c) Promoting balcony and community gardening and outdoor beautification;
- d) Arranging field trips, contests, competitions, and exhibitions related to horticulture and awarding prizes;
- e) Distributing seeds, plants, bulbs, flowers, trees and shrubs;
- f) Promoting the protection of the environment;
- g) Promoting the circulation of horticulture material through any media;
- h) Promoting the benefits of therapeutic horticulture;
- i) Stimulating an interest in the study of horticulture.

Article IV – Membership

- a) Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older may become a Member of the Society by paying the annual dues (January 1st – December 31st). Membership fees will be reviewed annually by the Board and approved by the general membership at the annual general meeting (January).
- b) Youth Membership (when the official society youth program is active) is open to those who are six (6) to seventeen (17) years of age inclusive and pay the annual (January 1st – December 31st) membership fee.
- c) A business or other organization may become a member of the Society by payment of the annual fee, but shall designate only two representatives in any one year to exercise the privilege of membership in the Society.
- d) Life memberships shall be given to members who have 25 or more years of service with the Society.
- e) Only full paid adult members may vote or hold office in the Society. Youth members shall not have voting rights or be eligible to serve as a Director of the Society. In addition, only those who were members during the previous year are entitled to vote at the Annual General meeting.
- f) An adult member or youth member shall be entitled to participate in the activities of the Society as shall be defined by the Board of Directors.
- g) Any member who has not paid the annual dues within sixty days of their due date (January 1st), shall be terminated as a member.

Article V – Organization

- a) The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of five (5) Directors to manage the Affairs of the Society.
- b) In addition to the Directors, the Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers (Executive Committee) to manage the affairs of the Society. The Officers of the Society shall be: the President, 1st Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. A 2nd Vice-President may also be elected as an Officer of the Society. The Officers will also have signing authority over all legal, insurance and banking documents.
- c) The Board of Directors may establish standing committees and ad hoc committees from time to time in order to conduct the business of the Society more effectively. All committees are accountable to the Board of Directors who will define responsibilities of each committee. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees and must be notified in advance of all committee meetings.

Article VI – Meetings

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 3rd Wednesday in January of each year at a time and place as determined by the Board.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) General meetings shall generally be held monthly at a time and place determined by the Board,
- b) Members may decide on all matters brought to it by the Officers at a general meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Board, the President or Vice-President shall have the power to call at any time a general meeting of the members of the Society for any date and time and at any place, when required.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

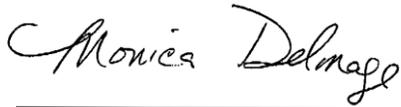
A Board of Directors' meeting shall be called by the Secretary upon the direction of the President or any one of the three Officers at any time and place determined by the Board.

Article VII – Amendments

The Constitution may be amended, revised or revoked by the Board, providing such changes are confirmed at an Annual General Meeting of The Society and provided that a notice of motion in writing of such proposed changes has been given to the members at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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Draft Constitution:	January 16, 1998
Revised:	January 24, 2005
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President – Monica Delmage



Acting Secretary – Cheryl Losch