

FTFO Review of Bylaws – Edits as on March 14, 2024

Section	Current Wording	New Wording	Status
Title	Bylaws	Bylaws of the FTFO Society	Added
1.1	Insertion of the definition of “officers” including co-chairs. Insertion of the definition of “writing” and “in-writing”.	“officers” means president/vice president (or co-chairs), secretary, treasurer	Amended throughout the document
1.3	Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and words importing a male person include a female person, and a corporation.	<i>Recommend to remove gender-specific language. Agreed to use they/them/their</i>	Amended throughout the document
2.1	Purposes ... promoting	<i>Improve wording</i>	Amended
2.2	In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Society	<i>Improve wording and sentence structure</i>	Amended
5.4	Can a change in quorum be put to vote at a general meeting and then be valid for the same meeting?	<i>Adjust wording to ensure that quorums can be changed for future meetings only</i>	Amended
5.5	Text is confusing and poorly organized	<i>Complete rewrite of this paragraph based on the bylaws produced by the Shuswap Climate Action Society</i>	Amended
5.6	Subject to Bylaw 4.7, the president of the Society, the vice-president or, in the absence of both, one of the other directors ...	<i>Use the concept of co-chairs throughout the document. Simplify wording. Remove reference to Bylaw 4.7</i>	Amended
5.7	If at a general meeting there is no ...	<i>Rewrite to introduce co-chairs and other directors</i>	Amended
5.14	Voting is by show of hands.	<i>Changed to allow for secret ballot at the request of at least two members</i>	Amended
5.16	A corporate members may ...	<i>Deleted as we do not have corporate members</i>	Deleted
6.3	... elected by resolution of the directors ...	<i>Clarified that the members choose the directors, and the directors then choose their officers</i>	Amended
6.4	The number of directors must be 5 or a greater number determined from time to time at a general meeting.	<i>Set a limit of 10 and remove the “time-to-time” provision</i>	Amended

6.6	Separate elections must be held for each director to be elected.	<i>Recommend to delete this paragraph as it makes for a lengthy election process.</i>	Deleted
6.8	If a successor is not elected, the person previously elected or appointed continues to hold office.	<i>Recommend to delete this requirement as it is unfair to the incumbent board members.</i>	Deleted
6.10	... holds office only ...	<i>Seems redundant, already covered in 6.5 in similar manner. Reworded in 6.9; 6.10 deleted</i>	Amended
6.11	... resigns his or her office ...	<i>Reworded for clarity</i>	Amended
6.13	The members may, by special resolution, ...	<i>What is the meaning of "special resolution" in this context?</i>	Amended
7.5/ 7.6	A committee so formed ...	<i>Review wording to be less demanding</i>	Amended/ Deleted
7.9	For a first meeting of directors ...	<i>Appears to be unnecessary</i>	Deleted
7.10	... notice, which may be by letter, telegram, telex or cable, ...	<i>Should be updated to reflect current types of correspondence such as email.</i>	Amended
7.11	Questions arising ...	<i>Language clarified to change "questions arising" to "issues presented"</i>	Amended
7.14	A resolution in writing, signed by all the directors and placed with the minutes of the directors, is as valid and effective as if regularly passed at a meeting of directors.	<i>Should not require all directors to sign, quorum should be sufficient.</i>	Amended
8.4	The secretary shall do the following ... (a) conduct the correspondence of the Society ... (c) keep minutes of all meetings ...	<i>Our secretary does not always perform this function. Should be amended to reflect what we do currently.</i>	Amended
8.4 (e) Part 9	... have custody of the common seal of the Society. ... common seal for the Society ...	<i>Recommend to delete.</i>	Deleted
8.5 (b)	Render financial statements ...	<i>Clarified that the treasurer will file all required documents to the Registrar in accordance with the Societies Act</i>	Amended