

## **Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association**

Constitution Adopted September 10, 2005

### **A. Name**

The Association shall be called the Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association, abbreviated as BSRA.

### **B. Purpose**

The Association shall represent the interests of the residents whose property is within the designated area. The term *residents* shall include all persons in the designated area who are taxpayers in Bluewater or who are on the official list of municipal electors in Bluewater.

### **C. Designated Area**

The designated area shall include those lands to the West of Highway No. 21 within the Wards of Stanley West and Hay West in the Municipality of Bluewater.

### **D. Membership**

There shall be three types of Membership:

#### **1. Regular Membership (Constituent Associations) (Voting)**

Duly formed bona fide Associations of residents within the designated area may become members of BSRA on payment of an Annual Fee and acceptance by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of BSRA. One duly elected or appointed representative from each of these Associations shall be delegated by his/her Constituent Association to represent that Association at General Meetings of BSRA with voice and vote. All bona fide members of Constituent Associations are thereby members of BSRA.

#### **2. Affiliate Membership (Non-voting)**

There shall be two forms of Affiliate Membership:

##### **a. Affiliate Associations**

Duly formed *bona fide* Associations of residents in Huron County shoreline communities West of Highway 21 but not within the Municipality of Bluewater may become members on payment of an Annual Fee and acceptance by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of BSRA. One duly elected representative from each of these Associations shall be delegated to represent his/her Affiliate Association at General Meetings of the BSRA with voice, but without vote. Where feasible, Affiliate Associations shall generally receive such member services as provided by BSRA to its Constituent Associations.

##### **b. Affiliate Individuals**

Individuals resident within Huron County shoreline communities West of Highway 21, but not resident within a subdivision represented by an Association holding Regular or Affiliate Membership, may become non-voting Affiliate Members upon payment of an Annual Fee and acceptance by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. They may serve on BSRA Committees and be elected to Office in BSRA.

#### **3. Honorary Members**

Where appropriate, the Board of Directors may elect individuals as Honorary Members of BSRA. Honorary Members may attend and participate in discussion, but are non-voting members.

### **E. General Meetings**

1. An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association within the period of the last two weeks of August through the first two weeks of each September, to be held within the Municipality of Bluewater at a place and time fixed by the Board of Directors, and shall be open to all members of the Constituent Associations with one vote per Association through its Delegate. Members of Affiliate Associations and Affiliate Individual Members may also attend and take part in discussions, but do not have voting privileges. Other General Meetings may be held at the call of the Board of Directors.

2. Delegates to General Meetings shall be elected or appointed by their respective Associations, who shall report the Delegate's name annually in writing to the Secretary of this Association (BSRA).

3. All Directors and Officers shall be nominated and elected at the Annual General Meeting. Directors and Officers may also serve as Delegates without penalty. Directors and Officers who are Affiliate Members are each entitled to a voice and vote at General Meetings of BSRA.

4. At least two weeks prior notice shall be given to all Regular and Affiliate members concerning the holding of the General Meetings.

5. A Quorum shall be forty per cent of the voting members.

6. Business shall be conducted according to the rules of order in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

#### **F. Board of Directors**

The business of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Officers of the Association-

#### **G. Officers**

1. The Officers of the Association shall be a Past President, a President, Vice President, Environment Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director and Membership Director, (who shall constitute the Board of Directors). All Officers of BSRA shall be *ex officio* voting members of the BSRA Board of Directors and of BSRA.

2. Each Officers shall be elected from among the *bona fide* members of a Constituent Association or be an Affiliate Member, and shall hold office for one year, or until such time as a successor is elected. Except in unusual circumstances, the Past President is not elected, but holds that office by virtue of his service. Where an officer resigns or becomes unable to serve, the Board of Directors may appoint a replacement Officer *pro tempore* until the next Annual General Meeting.

3. The Board of Directors may appoint ad hoc committees as needed.

#### **H. Fees**

Nominal Annual Fees to cover the costs of mailing and incidentals shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

#### **I. Administration of Funds**

The Funds of the Association shall be in the keeping of the Treasurer who shall maintain accurate accounting records.

#### **J. Amendments**

Amendments to the Constitution may be made only at the Annual General Meeting and must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present.

#### **K. Prevalence**

Where there is a difference in wording or interpretation between the Constitution of the Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association and any of its By-laws, policies or decisions, the BSRA Constitution shall prevail unless it is overridden by current Ontario or Canadian laws, in which case the latter shall prevail.

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