

May 2019 AGM – Recommended By-law amendments

1. Core Membership for Tenants of NLT Assets

Suggested Change

Amend the PNLT by-law's definition of Core Members.

Purpose

To correct an oversight in the PNLT by-law and allow NLT tenants to become Core members of the PNLT, and thus eligible to be elected to the board of the PNLT or the NLT.

Draft by-law language

Section 2.02 A of the PNLT by-law needs to be revised to change the definition of a Core member.

Section 2.02 A) (revisions in bold):

Any person 16 years of age or over, who supports the objects and activities of the Corporation, and is a tenant, user, or client of services carried out on the Corporation's property, **or the property of the charitable Neighbourhood Land Trust (NLT) of which the Corporation is a member**, is eligible for a Core membership. **For clarity, the NLT property must be within the geographic boundaries as defined by the Corporation's Board of Directors from time to time;**

2. Requirement of Membership of a Year Prior to Board Election Amended to 30 days

Suggested Change

Amend the PNLT by-law's eligibility requirements for members to be elected to the PNLT or NLT boards. (Note: NLT by-law does not require membership for a year for those nominated to the NLT board)

Purpose

To remove barriers to participation and engagement by allowing newer members to stand for board election prior to being members for a full year.

Draft by-law language

Section 4.01 C) (revisions in bold):

Directors shall be members in good standing and must have held membership in the Corporation for at least **30 days** prior to standing for election (except for the term following the first Annual General Meeting of the Corporation). Members in the Organizational category of membership who are not for profit associations, organizations or corporations must designate in writing a person to stand for election as Director.

3. Requirement of Membership of 5 Business Days Prior to Voting Amended to 30 Days

Suggested Change

Amend the PNLT by-law to require members to hold membership for 30 days prior to voting at meetings.

Purpose

To provide new members a longer period to become familiar with the PNLT and ensure that they get adequate notice of meeting agendas and background materials prior to voting, and to reduce the risk of people joining as members immediately prior to a meeting in order to vote as a bloc and potentially disrupt due process.

Draft by-law language

Section 3.04 (revisions in bold):

In order to be eligible to vote at any meeting of the Corporation, each member in good standing of the Corporation from the Core, Community Member and Organizational categories of membership must be at least 18 years of age and have been registered as a member of the Corporation no less than **30 days** before the meeting date. Members in the Organizational Category of membership who are not for profit associations, organizations or corporations, must designate in writing only one person at least 18 years of age to be their designated member for the purpose of voting. The Corporation shall keep a record of all registered members, including contact information and date of registration. The day of registering as a member in good standing and the day of the meeting shall be excluded for the purpose of determining whether the **30-day** requirement has been satisfied. Any question as to the eligibility of a person to vote at a meeting will be determined by the Chair of the Governance Committee of the Corporation prior to the commencement of the meeting based on the evidence available of being in good standing and meeting any necessary registration requirements.