

BY-LAWS OF THE SLOCAN DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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ARTICLE I – NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce.

Section 2

The object of the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce shall be to promote the commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, cultural (01/05) and civic welfare of the Slocan Lake and surrounding district from and including Lemon Creek on the south to Summit Lake on the north, and including the areas, of Sandon and Zincton.

Section 3

The usual place of meeting shall be where designated by the Executive from time to time.

Section 4

The Slocan District Chamber of Commerce shall be non-partisan, non-sectional and non-sectarian and shall not lend its support to any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE II – INTERPRETATION

Section 5

Wherever the words “The Chamber” occur in these By-Laws they shall be understood to mean “The Slocan District Chamber of Commerce” body. (20-5-83)

Section 6

Wherever the words “the Executive” occur in these By-Laws, they shall be understood to mean “the Executive of the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce.” (20-5-83)

Section 7

Wherever the word “District” occurs in these By-Laws, it shall mean that area, within and for which this Board was established, as defined in the certificate of Registration under the Boards of Trade Act. (R.S., c, 124, s.1)

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 8

Any person, directly or indirectly interested in trade, commerce or the economic, cultural (01/05) or social welfare of the District shall be eligible for membership in the Chamber. (20-5-83)

Section 9

Associations, corporations, societies, partnerships or individuals may become members of the Chamber. Each member shall have one vote, and a member must be present at a meeting in order to cast a vote at said meeting. Associations, corporations, societies and partnerships shall designate an individual to represent and vote for them, and an alternate who shall represent and vote for them if the first designee is unable to attend a meeting. No member shall be entitled to cast more than one vote. (20-5-83)

Section 10

At any general meeting of the Chamber any member in good standing may propose any eligible person or organization as a candidate for becoming a member the Chamber, providing such candidate shall undertake, if admitted, to be governed by the By-Laws of the Chamber.

Section 11

If such proposal is carried by a majority of two-thirds of the Chamber then present, such a person or organization shall thenceforth be a member of the Chamber and shall have all rights and be subject to all the obligations of the other members.

Section 12

Membership shall continue from the time of admittance until a member has resigned in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or has been removed from the roll of members by action of the Executive.

Section 13

Any member of the Chamber who intends to retire from or to resign his membership may do so, at any time, upon giving to the secretary ten days’ notice, in writing, of such intention, and upon discharging any lawful liability which is standing upon the books of The Chamber against him at the time of such notice.

Section 14

The Executive may remove from the roll of members, the name of any new member failing to pay his annual dues within thirty days of his admission, or of any other member who fails to pay such dues within one month of the date they fall due. Upon such action by the Executive, all privileges of membership shall be forfeited.

Section 15

Persons who have distinguished themselves by some meritorious or public service may be elected Honorary Member by a majority vote of the Chamber. Such recognition shall be for a term of one year and may be repeated. Honorary. Membership shall include all the privileges of active membership except that of holding office, with exemption from the payment of annual dues.

Section 16

Any member of the Chamber may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a General Meeting. The expelled member shall have the right of appeal to the Chamber by written request within thirty days of his expulsion. (20-5-83)

ARTICLE IV – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 17

The annual dues payable by members of the Chamber shall be proposed by the Executive and approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a general meeting of the Chamber. (01/05) (\$25, 20-5-83)

Section 18

Other assessments may be levied against all members, provided they are recommended by the Executive and approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a general meeting of the Chamber. The notice calling such general meeting shall state the nature of the proposed assessment.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Section 19

A president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a minimum of (01/05) three other members shall be elected from among the members each year at the Annual

General Meeting by ballot and shall form the Executive. They shall remain in office until their successors are appointed or elected. The retiring president shall be ex-officio, a member of the Executive until the next annual general meeting.

Section 20

Any vacancy on the Executive which may occur during the year shall be filled at the next general meeting.
(25-1-55)

Section 21

The Executive shall have the general power of administration. It may take or authorize petitions or representations to the Government or Parliament of Canada, the Government or Legislature of the Province, or others, as it may deem expedient or as may be required by vote of a majority of members present at any general meeting.
(25-1-55)

Section 22

The Executive shall, in addition to the powers hereby expressly conferred on it, have such powers as are assigned to it by any by-law of the Chamber, provided, however, that such powers are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Boards of Trades Act.

Section 23

Any five or more members of the Executive lawfully met, shall be a quorum and a majority of such quorum may do all things within the powers of the Council.

Section 24

The Executive shall frame such by-laws, rules and regulations as appear to it best adapted to promote the welfare of the Chamber, and shall submit them for adoption, at a general meeting of the Chamber called for that purpose.

Section 25

The Executive or, at its request, the president may appoint committees or designate members of the Executive or of the Chamber or others, to examine, consider and report upon any matter or take such action as the Executive may request.

Section 26

The president and vice-president shall, before entering upon their office, take and subscribe before any Justice of the Peace,

Notary Public, or Commissioner for Taking Oaths and Affidavits, an oath in the form following, that is to say: "I swear that I will ... etc." (Refer to Article V)
(20-5-83)

Section 27

The meetings of the Executive shall be opened to all members of the Chamber, who may attend but may not take part in any of the proceedings unless invited to do so by the Executive.
(20-5-83)

Section 28

No public pronouncement in the name of the Chamber may be made unless authorized by the Executive or by some person to whom the Executive has delegated this authority.

Section 29(a)

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Chamber and Executive. He shall regulate the order of business at such meetings, receive and put lawful motions and communicate to the meeting what he may think concerns the Chamber. He shall vote only in case of a tie. Upon an appeal being made from a decision of the presiding officer, the vote of the majority shall decide. The president shall, with the secretary sign all papers and documents requiring signature on behalf of The Chamber unless someone else is designated by the Executive. It shall be the duty of the president to present a general report of the activities of the year at the Annual Meeting.

(b) The vice-president shall act in the absence of the president and in the absence of both these officers, the meeting shall appoint a chairman to act temporarily.

(c) The treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Chamber and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, the same in a chartered bank or Credit Union, selected by the Executive. Out-of such funds he shall pay amounts approved by the Executive and shall keep a regular account of the income and expenditure of the Chamber and submit an audited statement thereof for presentation to the annual general meeting and at any other time required by the Executive. He shall make such investment of the funds of the Chamber as the Executive may direct. He shall, with the secretary, sign all notes, drafts and

cheques. In the absence of the treasurer, the president or vice-president shall sign.
(20-5-83)

(d) The secretary shall be the executive officer of the Board and shall be responsible to the Executive for the general control and management of business and affairs. He shall be responsible for keeping the books of the Chamber, conducting its correspondence, retaining copies of all official letters, preserving all official documents and shall perform all such other duties as properly appertain to his office. He shall, with the president, sign and, when necessary, seal with the seal of the Chamber of which he shall have, custody, all papers and documents requiring signature or executions on its behalf and, with the treasurer, sign all notes, drafts and cheques unless someone else is designated by the executive. He shall maintain an accurate record of the proceedings of the Chamber and of the Council. At the expiration of his term of office, the secretary shall deliver to the Chamber all books, papers, and other property of the Chamber.
(20-5-83)

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 30

The Annual Meeting of, the Chamber shall be held in the month of January in each year at the time and place determined by the Executive. At least one weeks' notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given.
(25-1-55)

Section 31

Regular general meetings of the Chamber shall be held at a place and time designated by the Council. At least one week's notice of such meetings shall be given. (01/05)

Section 32

Special general meetings of the Chamber may be held at any time when summoned by the president, or requested in writing by any three members of the Executive, or any ten members of The Chamber. At least one day's notice of such meetings shall be given.

Section 33

The Executive shall meet from time to time, normally once a month, as may be necessary to carry on the business of The Chamber.
(25-1-55)

Section 34

Notice of meetings shall be in the form of an annual schedule of meetings. Members will be notified of any changes to the schedule one week in advance
(20-5-83)

Section 35

At any annual or general meeting ten members shall be a quorum and, unless otherwise specifically provided, a majority of members present shall be competent to do and perform all acts which are or shall be directed to be done at any such meeting.

Section 36

Minutes of the proceedings of all general and Executive meetings shall be entered in books to be kept for that purpose, by the secretary.

Section 37

The entry of such minutes shall be signed by the president, or vice-president, or the person who presides at the meeting at which they were adopted.

Section 38

All books of The Chamber shall be opened at all reasonable hours to any member of The Chamber, free of any charge.

ARTICLE VII – BY-LAWS

Section 39

By-Laws may be made, repealed or amended by a two thirds majority of the members of the Chamber present at any general meeting, notice of such proposal having been given in writing by one member and seconded by another member at a previous general meeting and duly entered as a minute of The Chamber.

Section 40

Such By-Laws shall be binding on all members of the Chamber, its officers and all other persons lawfully under its' control.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 41

The following standing committees shall be appointed each year by the Executive and members shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until their successors have been appointed.
(25-3-52)

1. Industrial
2. Highways and Transportation
3. Tourist and Publicity
4. Community Affairs
5. Programme

Special committees may be appointed, by the Executive, from time to time, but all such committees shall automatically be discharged at the end of the year, unless previously discharged by the Executive.
(20-5-83)

ARTICLE IX – AFFILIATION

Section 42

The Chamber, at its discretion, shall have power to affiliate with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, the Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of Southeastern British Columbia, and any other organizations in which membership may be in the interests of the Chamber.
(25-1-55)

ARTICLE X – FISCAL YEAR

Section 43

The fiscal year of the Chamber shall commence on the first day of January in each year.

ARTICLE XI --- AUDITORS

Section 44

Auditors shall be appointed by the Executive and they shall audit the books and accounts of the Chamber at least once in each year. An audited financial statement shall be presented by the treasurer at each Annual Meeting and at any other time required by the Executive.

ARTICLE XII --- PROCEDURE

Section 45

Parliamentary procedure shall be followed at all general and Executive meetings, in accordance with "Rules of Order" by Bourinot.

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Sections 2, 8 and 17, amended as noted January 15, 2005.

Article V

Section 26

Oath of Office

"I swear that I will faithfully and truly perform my duty as _____ of the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce, and that I will, in all matters connected with the discharge of such duty do all things, and such things only, as I shall truly and conscientiously believe to be adapted to promote the objects for which the said Chamber was constituted according to the true intent and meaning of the same. So help me God."
(20-5-83)