



HALTON REGION CHINESE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association.

Article II: Objectives

The Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association shall be a non-profit, non-political and non-denominational organization, and its objectives shall be:

- To promote multiculturalism, hence fostering understanding, interaction and harmony between the Chinese community and the society-at-large.
- To promote and preserve Chinese culture and heritage.
- To promote active citizenship and provide support to other local non-profit and charitable organizations and community projects.
- To identify and address relevant social, cultural, educational and recreational issues and needs.
- To promote networking among the Chinese community.

Article III: Membership

- Membership of the Association shall be open to (i) Individual Single Member, (ii) Family Member, (iii) Corporate Member (iv) Senior (over 65) Lifetime Individual Member and (v) Senior Lifetime Family Member.
- A member shall be a resident of Halton or surrounding regions.
- A corporate member shall be a corporation, institute or organization.
- All members shall pay a membership fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article IV: Membership Privileges

- All members shall be entitled to participate in activities sponsored by the Association.
- Single, family, senior as well as representative of corporate members, shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- The spouse of a family member shall also be entitled to one (1) vote.
- All voting members shall be entitled to hold elected office as defined in Article V. and Article VI.

Article V: Board of Directors

- The property and business of the Association shall be governed by the Board of Directors. The Board shall comprise the Past President, President and a minimum of six (6) officers. They include: the Vice-president, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and at least three Directors elected each year to serve on the Board.

- If vacancies occur in an officer position, that position shall be filled by an appointment of the Board until the next Annual General Meeting.

Article VI: Committees

- The Board shall from time to time appoint committees as it deems necessary. Committees, when established, will be given clear and specific mandates and guidelines.
- Any such committee may formulate its own rules and procedures, subject to approval by the Board. The Board may remove any committee member at any time by resolution of the Board.

Article VII: Meetings

- Board meetings shall be held regularly, no less than once every two months, at a time and place determined by the Board.
- A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Association business.
- Special meetings in preparation for events shall be held if necessary and shall be announced.

Article VIII: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended, from time to time, by a resolution confirmed by a two-third majority of the membership.

Article IX: Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the association shall be held within 90 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, at a time and place determined by the Board.

The President shall report on the general activities of the Association and election results when appropriate.

Article X: By-Laws

The Board of Directors is empowered to enact the By-laws for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Association, and such By-laws shall be approved, revoked or amended at the Annual General Meeting by a simple majority vote of the members present.

Passed at 2010 Annual General Meeting, December 19, 2010.

BY-LAW No. 1

Finance

The fiscal year of the club shall be from January 1 through December 31 inclusive.

Duties of Officers

The officers of the association shall perform the duties as stated below.

- President – shall, when present, preside at all Board meetings and general meetings of the Association; act as the spokesperson, and supervise all activities.
- Vice-President – The VP shall assume the roles of the President in his/her absence; perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Board.
- Past President – shall be an ex-officio member of the Board and shall provide continuity, guidance and advice in furthering the objectives of the Association.
- Treasurer – shall maintain records of the Association funds and dues; discharge expenses to a limit of 10% above pre-approved budgets; prepare, submit, and monitor the budget and finances of the Association.
- Secretary – shall keep minutes of the meetings, record keeper for Association’s activities and membership; perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Board.
- Directors – shall represent the association and maintain communication with other community groups; perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Board.

Election of Officers

Election of officers shall be held at the Annual General Meeting. Any member in good standing can be nominated by another member or director. A slate of the candidates shall be drawn by the Board, and voted on by a simple majority.

Each Board member shall be elected for a minimum term of 2 years and may hold the same office for consecutive terms if elected.

Dissolution of the Association

A vote carrying at least 75% of the members at a general meeting shall be necessary to dissolve the Association.

Passed at 2010 Annual General Meeting, December 19, 2010.

BY-LAW No. 2

Scholarship

An annual Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association scholarship award has been created to recognize a graduating high school student in the Halton Region who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting Chinese culture, has achieved a high academic standing and is in financial need. The award of the scholarship, including the selection of the successful candidate and the disbursement of funds, shall be administered by the Oakville Community Foundation (OCF) on behalf of the Association and assisted by a Selection Committee struck jointly by the Foundation and the Association. In the event that a Selection Committee member has a family member or close relative among the applicants, that person is to step down from the Selection Committee.

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