

During the August 2018 Hyde Park Business Association Board of Management meeting, the HPBIA by-laws were reviewed.

For the following three by-laws, the amended wording was approved by the Board of Management, and thus we are respectfully requesting that the suggested amendments be placed on the Tuesday October 9 PEC agenda for the committee, (and thus council as a whole) for consideration of approving our request:

Existing:

5.13 Each committee appointed shall be composed of not fewer than three (3) directors of the Board of Management and shall perform such duties and undertake such responsibilities as the Board of Management specifies and shall report only to the Board of Management.

To: Each committee appointed shall be composed of not fewer than **two (2)** directors of the Board of Management and shall perform such duties and undertake such responsibilities as the Board of Management specifies and shall report only to the Board of Management.

Reason:

The Hyde Park Business Association Board of Management is a small Board (By-law 4.1) of seven (7) members. Smaller committees usually work better than having too many people, and this allows for more members to be involved. As a small board this allows us to stay more organized and don't have individual board members on too many committees.

Existing:

8.2 Notice for all Members' meetings shall be:

(a) Sent by prepaid mail to each Member not less than 15 days prior to the meeting. Notice shall be mailed to the address last provided by the Member to the Board of Management or, where no address is provided, to the property address of the owner(s) indicated on the last municipal assessment roll.

To: Membership should receive written or electronic notice of the Annual General Meeting not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting date. The accidental omission to give notice to any member, Board member or auditor shall not invalidate any action taken at any meeting held pursuant to such notice.

Reason:

The main communication tool used is email and social media. We believe in this day and age that including these modes for notification to be reasonable. As well, in preparing the details for the AGM the 10-day window is much more manageable than the existing 15-day requirement.

Existing:

8.6 A majority of the Members constitutes a quorum at any meeting of the Members.

To: The members present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members. If there are less the twenty (20) members present, then the presiding officer will adjourn the meeting

Reason:

The existing By-law can be interpreted to mean that to have quorum, there must be a majority of members present or over 50%; or over i.e. 150 members which is an unattainable attendance to achieve. This would change to 'The members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members'.

Please let me know if you require any other information and thank you in advance for your time,

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