

Nelson CARES Society

Constitution



IN THE MATTER OF THE SOCIETIES ACT

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1. The name of the Society shall be Nelson CARES (Community Advocacy Residential Employment/Environmental Services) Society.
2. The object of the Society is to:
 - a. provide an array of integrated community services to vulnerable populations including but not limited to advocacy, residential services, low-cost housing, supported employment, and youth-driven environmental activities.
 - b. receive grants from the Government of Canada, or any Department or Agency thereof, the Government of British Columbia, or any Department or Agency thereof, and other donors, and to apply and administer such grants for such purposes and in such manner as is consistent with the Objectives of the Society, generally as the Donor prescribes.
 - c. receive and distribute information regarding human needs and services.
 - d. Operate a charitable institution and:
 - (i) receive charitable donations towards the above objectives in the form of cash, lands, properties and otherwise.
 - (ii) apply for all lawful and necessary grants in aid.
 - (iii) do all such things as are incidental of conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.
3. The Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting its objectives.
 - a. the Directors shall serve without remuneration, and the Directors shall not receive, directly or indirectly, any profits from their positions as Directors but may be paid expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.
 - b. no part of any income of the Society shall be payable or otherwise available for the personal benefit of the member(s) thereof.
4. In the event that the Society shall be wound up or liquidated in accordance with the Societies Act of British Columbia, all the assets and property, real or personal, held by the Society or any future interests, that but for liquidation would vest in the Society, shall be returned to the Donor and/or shall be transferred and conveyed to another recognized charitable organization having objectives altogether or in part similar to the

objectives of the' Society, as decided within the discretion of the then members of the liquidating Society, as decided within the discretion of the then members of the liquidating Society upon liquidation, subject to the provision that all the funds and property of the Society shall be administered for the benefit of objectives within the scope of Clause 2 thereof. The provisions of this Clause 4 are unalterable in accordance with Section 17 of the Societies Act.

5. Further to Section 4, in the event of the winding-up or the dissolution of the Society, any funds of the Society remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be given to or transferred to a (nonprofit) Society in the Province of British Columbia, provided that at the time of dissolution or winding-up, the said organization is an exclusively charitable non-profit company within the meaning of Section 15.1 of the National Housing Act, to be used by the said organization exclusively for housing on a low rental basis, or shall be given and transferred to such other charitable organization or, organizations providing low cost housing on a non-profit basis for disabled persons and for other such persons as may be designated by both Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Government of British Columbia (where such designations are required), and insofar as effect cannot be given to the foregoing provisions, the said funds shall be given and transferred to some other charitable organization recognized by the Federal Government as being qualified as such under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of Canada, from time to time in force.
6. The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on within the areas defined by School District #8, Nelson, British Columbia, and the surrounding districts thereof.
7. In accordance with the Society's Act, it is hereby stated that paragraphs 3, 5, 6, and 7, of this Constitution are unalterable.