

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### **Article 1**

#### **Name:**

The name of the organization shall be the "Bruce County Historical Society", hereinafter referred to as the "Society".

### **Article 2**

#### **Guiding Principle:**

The Bruce County Historical Society will lead by example the preservation, promotion and support of all aspects of Bruce County heritage.

### **Article 3**

**Goals & Objectives:** The Goals & Objectives of the Society are:

- (a) To research, document, collect, preserve and edit material pertaining to the history of Bruce County and its people.
- (b) To actively promote and encourage public awareness and interest in our local history.
- (c) To publish new and reprint publications of significance to the history of Bruce County.
- (d) To disseminate and arouse public interest in Bruce County historical and heritage information by organizing and featuring programmes, addresses, lectures, papers, video and audio tapes, promoting discussion at regular meetings.
- (e) To encourage the preservation and protection of buildings and structures of historical and architectural significance; and to encourage protection of our unique natural landscapes; and by marking historic sites, structures, trails, etc..

### **Article 4**

#### **Membership:**

Membership in the Society is open to those individuals, businesses or corporate bodies who support the objectives of the Society. Individual Membership is of two types - Annual and Life. Business or Corporate membership is only available annually.

Members in good standing shall have one (1) vote at all regular or special meetings of the Society.

Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on an individual following the recommendation of the Board of Directors and approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society. Honorary members are not entitled to a vote in the Society.

**Article 5**

**Meetings:**

There shall be a minimum of two (2) meetings of the general membership each year, one of which shall be the Annual General Meeting.

**Article 6**

**Board of Directors:**

The affairs of the Society shall be managed and administered by a Board of Directors, elected annually by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office for each member will be one year and each may be re-elected.

**Article 7**

**Not for Profit:**

The Society will be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting and accomplishing the Goals and Objectives of the Society.

**Article 8**

**Amendment:**

A Notice of Amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the general meeting at which the amendment is to be acted upon. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be mailed to all members not later than one month (4 weeks) before the Annual General Meeting or other Special Meeting called for the purpose.

The amendment may be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present at the meeting, provided that a quorum of the members is present. Each amendment to be voted on independently.