

Copeland Forest Friends - Proposed 2022 By-law Amendments

Article 5.3 Existing

5.3 There will be two types of membership (i) Individual and (ii) Honorary or Life. Honorary or Life member appointed at the discretion of the board.

Article 5.3 Proposed:

5.3 There will be three types of membership (i) Individual and (ii) Family and (iii) Honorary or Life. Honorary or Life members are to be appointed at the discretion of the board. Family members will designate one primary use group affiliation and have one vote at membership meetings.

Comment:

This by-law change adds the category of family membership, and the policy will take effect for the 2022-23 membership year.

Article 6.1 Existing

6.1 Number: Eleven (a) one Director representing each of nine designated user groups and (b) two members at large. Designated user groups (in alphabetical order)

1. Anglers and Hunters
2. Businesses Representative
3. Hikers
4. Horse Riders
5. Horseshoe Resort
6. Mountain Bikers
7. Naturalists
8. Residents' Representative
9. Snow Sports

Proposed:

6.1 Number: Eleven (a) one director representing each of eight designated user groups and (b) three members at large. Designated user groups (in alphabetical order)

1. Anglers and Hunters
2. Businesses Representative
3. Hikers
4. Horse Riders
5. Mountain Bikers
6. Naturalists
7. Residents' Representative
8. Snow Sports

Comment: See below

8.1.1 Existing

BOD Advisors will include a representative from the District Office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) and the immediate Past President.

Proposed:

BOD Advisors will include a representative from the District Office of the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Natural Resources and Forestry (MDMNR), a representative from Horseshoe Resort as appointed by the General Manager and the immediate Past President.

Comment:

Under the by-laws, a board member may serve up to 6 years and then, must step down for a minimum of 1 year. Horseshoe Resort's representative has served 6 years and must step down this coming year. Under these provisions, the representative will still be able to attend board meetings but as a technical advisor. This provision also creates one additional director at large to facilitate involvement of additional expertise on the board.

8.1.4 Existing

Quorum: A minimum of 7 Directors with at least 2 executive officers included will be a quorum for the BOD.

8.1.4 Proposed:

Quorum: A minimum of 6 Directors with at least 2 executive officers included will be a quorum for the BOD.

Comment:

The current minimum number of directors for a quorum is too restrictive. 6 provides a majority of the board in attendance.

8.1.5 Existing

The BOD Advisors and Technical Advisors along with the President, Vice-President and two other BOD members will constitute an External Advisory Committee, The President will convene this Committee once a year to obtain feedback and input to strategic and work planning.

Proposed:

Delete 8.1.5

Comment:

There has not been a need for the external advisory committee, and it has not met.

8.4.3 Existing

New membership must be purchased at least one month before User Group meeting to allow voting privileges.

Proposed:

Delete 8.4.3

Comment:

We want to encourage participation in user group meetings and attendance at the AGM.

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