

CONSTITUTION OF HAMILTONFORWARD

Article I NAME

The name of this organization is HamiltonForward.

Article II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to advocate in favour of increasing housing supply in Hamilton, advocate in favour of modern, positive, and dense developments, and advocate for planning rules and regulations that focus on externalities and ensure modern planning principles are supported in Hamilton.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

(1) Anyone who supports the purpose of HamiltonForward is eligible to become a member.

(2) Membership in HamiltonForward will last for 3 years from sign-up date, and members will have the option to renew their membership at the end of the three years.

(3) The Board of Directors may institute a fee for membership of HamiltonForward.

(4) Membership entitles members to vote at general meetings and the privilege to stand for leadership positions.

Article IV LEADERSHIP

(1) The operation of HamiltonForward will be carried out by an elected Board of Directors.

(2) The Board of Directors must include: one Chair, one Secretary, and at least three General Directors.

(3) The Board of Directors may determine that HamiltonForward needs to establish a Treasurer or Vice Chair position at any time. If determined during an ongoing term of the board, the board can either open nominations for the position or appoint a member to the position. If determined at the end of a term of the board, the position will be included in the next call for nominations to the Board of Directors.

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- (4) The Board of Directors must meet at least 4 times per calendar year.
- (5) A minimum of 1/3rds attendance is required to declare quorum at board meetings.
- (6) A call for directors must be issued at least every 24 months, with a minimum period of 30 days for response.
- (7) The Board of Directors shall not exceed 12 board members.
- (8) If any position on the board is uncontested, the single nominated candidate shall be acclaimed.
- (9) Contested nominations shall be conducted under the single-transferable-vote (STV) system of elections.
- (10) The Board of Directors may fill position vacancies through appointment or call for nominations.
- (11) Any board member may be removed by the board in a 2/3rds majority vote.
- (12) No more than 50% of the members of the board may be employed or financially vested in development, land-use, real estate, or a related industry.

Article V FINANCES

- (1) If created, the treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of HamiltonForward. In absence of a treasurer, the Chair shall be responsible for the finances of HamiltonForward and has a duty to consult the other members of the Board.
- (2) No member or non-member may contribute more than \$1,000 in monetary donations per calendar year.
- (3) Should an individual contribute more than \$1,000 in a calendar year, the excess must be returned.

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Article VI AMENDMENTS

- (1) Any member can propose an amendment to this constitution.
- (2) Any proposed amendment must receive 2/3rds support of the voting membership of HamiltonForward to pass.
- (3) Any proposed amendment to this constitution must be voted on at the next Annual General Meeting of HamiltonForward or through an electronic vote of the members of HamiltonForward through HamiltonForward.ca.
- (4) A minimum of 1/4th of the current membership must vote on the proposed amendment to achieve quorum.

Article VII ENFORCEMENT

This document comes into effect once ratified by the Board of Directors.

RATIFIED ON: AUGUST 21ST 2019