



CLOVERLEAF GARDEN CLUB OF MISSISSAUGA

CONSTITUTION (as amended October 16, 2019)

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

- 1.1 The name of the organization shall be the “Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga” (hereinafter referred to as the “Club”).
- 1.2 The Club was incorporated in 1944 under the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”).

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The main objectives of the Club are to:
 - (a) promote interest, involvement and education in all areas of horticulture;
 - (b) encourage the beautification of both private and public gardens; and
 - (c) raise awareness of horticultural-related environmental issues.
- 2.2 These objectives are consistent with the regulations under the Act.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership shall be open to individuals 14 years of age and older and requires payment of the annual membership fee as determined by the Board.
- 3.2 The Club shall maintain membership in the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA), a non-profit organization under the regulations of the Act.
- 3.3 All members, as defined in item 3.1 above, shall have voting rights at Regular General Meetings, Special Meetings and Annual General Meetings. Board of Directors and Committee voting rights are confined to respective members of these bodies.

ARTICLE 4 - BOARD

- 4.1 The Board shall include Officers and Directors who are members in good standing of the Club.
- 4.2 Details of the Officer and Director positions, their duties, method of selection and their terms of office shall be prescribed within the By-laws of the Club.
- 4.3 One half of the members of the Board will constitute a quorum.



- 4.4 The Board shall have the power to act for, and on behalf of, the Club in all matters, subject to the By-laws of the Club.
- 4.5 In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board for any reason, the remaining members of the Board shall have the power to appoint any member of the Club to fill such vacancy. If three (3) or more vacancies occur at the same time, a special general meeting of the Club shall be called, and Directors elected to fill the vacancies.
- 4.6 Board members must submit resignations in writing.
- 4.7 Board members who fail to fulfill the duties of their position without good cause are deemed to have resigned in writing as approved by a quorum of the Board.

ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS

- 5.1 An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at such a time and place as the Board may decide. Each member of the Club shall be invited to the AGM, a minimum of one (1) month in advance of such meeting.
- 5.2 Regular general meetings and meetings of the Board shall be held as designated by the Board and outlined in the By-laws.
- 5.3 At Annual General Meetings, Special Meetings, or regular General Meetings a minimum of 20% of all members shall constitute a quorum. Every question shall be decided by a simple majority. Amendments to the Constitution require a different majority, as defined by Article 9 (9.2) of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 6 - FISCAL YEAR

- 6.1 The fiscal year of the Club shall be the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE 7 - DUES

- 7.1 In order to remain a member in good standing of the OHA, the Club shall pay the annual dues to the OHA within the time period specified.
- 7.2 The Board sets out and amends as required the annual fees for membership and classes of membership in the Club in the By-laws of the Club.

ARTICLE 8 - ANNUAL REPORTS

- 8.1 The Board shall complete and submit any prescribed financial forms required by the OHA and under the Act by the stated deadlines.
- 8.2 The report submitted under the Act shall be open to examination by the public on request as provided under the Act.



- 8.3 The Board also must submit an annual Report to the OHA with their specific requirements.

ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS

- 9.1 The Club may, by By-law, with the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, amend its articles of incorporation to change any provision set out in its articles, including its name.
- 9.2 This Constitution shall be amended, revised or revoked by approval of a two-thirds majority of votes cast at an Annual General Meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A minimum of (1) month's notice shall be given to all members. The quorum for a vote to proceed will be a minimum of 20% of all members.
- 9.3 By-laws under the Constitution of the Club may be made and adopted, amended or repealed by the Board.

ARTICLE 10 - ARCHIVES

- 10.1 The Club records designated as archival materials shall be set out in the By-laws of the Club in order to preserve the history of the Club and of the local horticultural community.
- 10.2 The Club archival materials shall be gathered annually and shall be appropriately housed and preserved according to the highest possible professional standards and practices in a facility approved by the Board.

ARTICLE 11 - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Club, the Board shall follow the procedure outlined in the current regulations of the Act.

Approved (as amended) at the general membership of the Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga at a special Meeting held October 16, 2019.

PASSED AND MADE as of the 16th day of October 2019

Christine Fry, Co-President

Patricia Griesser, Co-President

Regina Gudelis, Co-President