

Proposed Amendments to BVBTC By-Laws

There are three proposed amendments to the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club By-Laws for the membership to vote upon at the **Annual General Meeting** to be held on June 14, 2018. The purpose of these amendments are to:

1. Include the new BTC Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Priorities for 2018 to 2025;
2. Add a new BVBTC Board position, "Information Services Director", to our slate of Directors;
3. Change the BVBTC AGM quorum.

Changes to I: BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY

Proposed Amendment 1

To replace the old BTC Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Goals with those approved by the BTC Board of Directors for the 2018 to 2025 BTC Strategic Plan.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Bruce Trail Conservancy, hereinafter called "the BTC", is a charitable organization committed to "Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever".

VISION

The Bruce Trail secured within a permanently protected natural corridor along the Niagara Escarpment.

VALUES

The BTC emphasizes the following Values as central to all efforts:

1. Commitment

We encourage, foster and benefit from the commitment of excellence from our supporters – members, volunteers, donors and staff – to achieve our vision.

2. Integrity

We conduct ourselves in accordance with the highest standards of professional and personal behaviour and ethics.

3. Stewardship

We embrace our role in responsible stewardship of the Bruce Trail, the lands in our care, and the organization's resources, for the benefit of all including future generations.

4. Collaboration

We work cooperatively with landowners, funders and other partners, share best scientific and business practices, and maximize our volunteer resources.

5. Respect

We show respect for all individuals and groups with whom we interact, recognize our special relationship with landowners, and acknowledge the traditional homeland of the Indigenous peoples of the Escarpment.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Accelerate Land Acquisition

We will identify and implement innovative tools and techniques to accelerate our land preservation program and support our growing land stewardship responsibilities.

2. Expand Fundraising

We will secure financial resources to fund our activities now and for the long term.

3. Build Brand Awareness

We will promote a strong brand that will be readily identified with our unique balance of conservation and recreation.

4. Increase Impact of Membership

We will encourage and leverage membership and other sources of support, to increase our impact and effectiveness.

5. Enhance Stakeholder Relationships

We will develop high quality relationships with all stakeholders to increase the Bruce Trail Conservancy's effectiveness.

Proposed Changes to II: THE BY-LAWS OF THE BEAVER VALLEY BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

4. STRUCTURE

B) Board of Directors

Existing By-Law

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, BTC-Club Director, Trail Development and Maintenance Director, Landowner Relations Director, Land Stewardship Director, Trail Activities Director, Members and Volunteers Director, Communications and Publicity Director, Special Events Director, and Director-at-large.

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8. GOVERNANCE

B) Meetings

Existing By-Law

AGM Quorum: 5% of current Club membership.

Proposed Amendment 3

AGM Quorum: 20 members.