

CONSTITUTION
DORVAL HORTICULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be Dorval Horticultural and Ecological Society.

2. PURPOSE

The object of the Society shall be to improve and develop the horticultural and ecological knowledge of its members, thereby contributing to the health and beauty of our environment.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Anyone may become a member upon payment of the annual membership fee.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Officers of the Society shall be the following:

President;
Vice-President;
Secretary;
Treasurer.

They shall remain in office for a period of two {2} years. The above, plus an additional six to ten Directors, as required, will constitute the Board.

5. EXECUTIVE

The Officers, as listed in paragraph 4 above, together with the immediate Past President, will constitute the Executive Committee for the Society, which shall administer its affairs, with the other Board Members.

6. DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The President shall:

- a) preside at members' meetings;
- b) preside at the meetings of the-Board;
- c) call Special Meetings of the Society and/or the Board when deemed necessary;
- d) have signing authority.

The Vice-President shall:

- a) perform the duties of the President in the event of the absence of the tatter;
- b) perform such other duties as may be assigned;
- c) be responsible for the Society's correspondence;
- d) be responsible for the Society's records and archives;
- e) have signing authority.

The Secretary shall:

- a) attend meetings of the Society and the Board;
- b) keep records of the proceeding of the Annual and Special Meetings of the Society;
- c) keep records of the Board Meetings;
- d) take care of correspondence on behalf of the Society;
- e) retain the Society's records;
- f) have signing authority.

The Treasurer shall:

- a) receive Society's moneys, make bank deposits, and keep accounts;
- b) pay such bills as have been approved by the Board;

- c) present the Society's Financial Statements at Board Meetings and for the year at the Annual General Meeting;
- d) submit books and vouchers for audit when instructed;
- e) have signing authority.

The Directors shall;

perform such duties as may be assigned.

7. QUORUM

At Annual and Special Meetings 20% of the current membership present will constitute a QUORUM. At Board Meetings 50% plus one board members present shall constitute a QUORUM.

8. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special Meetings shall be called by the President as deemed necessary or on a request by petition signed by not less than ten {10} members in good standing. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be given at a previous meeting, or in writing addressed to all members.

9. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will comprise the Immediate Past President, one Director and one Member. They will present a slate for election at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for any position will be accepted from the floor, with the consent of the nominee, at the Annual General Meeting. A vote of 50% plus one, will elect a contested position.

10. AMENDMENTS, CHANGES, ETC. TO THE-CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society may be amended, changed or added to, by a majority vote of the members at a General or Special meeting, provided notice was given at a previous meeting or in writing addressed to all members.

Proposed amendments prepared on November 1, 2007

Amendments passed at Board meetings held on November 12, 2007 and January 14, 2008

Passed at Annual General Meeting held on January 28, 2008

Marthe Couture, President