

## THE CONSTITUTION

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## THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

1. The name of this Society is The Society of St. Vincent De Paul of Vancouver Island, herein after called “The Society”.
2. Roman Catholic in character, the purposes of The Society are to promote and perform works of charity as expressed through personal contact with the needy or suffering, and in particular:
  - a. to alleviate human suffering, distress and needs;
  - b. to raise funds and to distribute food, medical supplies, comforts, goods, chattels and moneys among needy, destitute and suffering people;
  - c. to promote and conduct educational, charitable, religious and social welfare and public relief work;
  - d. to apply for all lawful and necessary grants and aid and to receive, acquire and hold gifts, legacies and devices;
  - e. to assist and give aid in the formation and creation of non-profit societies for the purpose of building and constructing housing for the needy, aged and handicapped, or any of them in such manner as The Society’s Directors see fit from time to time; and,
  - f. to build, develop, lease/sell and manage non-profit housing for the needy, aged and handicapped, or any of them; to operate exclusively as a charitable institution (without profit to its members);
3. The following provisions are unalterable:
  - a. the operations of The Society are to be chiefly carried on in the area of Greater Victoria
  - b. The Society shall be a non-profit Society of lay persons. The objects of The Society shall be carried on without pecuniary gain to its members and no dividends shall be declared or paid to its members; and any profits, accretions to or other funds of The Society shall be used in promoting the objects of The Society;
  - c. insofar as the provisions of the laws of the Province of British Columbia under which The Society is incorporated shall permit, The Society shall be subjected to the jurisdiction of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF CANADA;

- d. The Society shall have the authority to adopt such by-laws as may be consistent with the laws of the Province of British Columbia under which The Society is incorporated;
- e. in the event of winding-up or dissolution of The Society, any funds of The Society remaining after the satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of The Society shall be given or transferred to the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF CANADA;
- f. in addition to the provisions provided for the amendment of the Constitution in the Society Act, the said Constitution may be amended only with the written approval of the Bishop of Victoria or other ordinary or authority exercising his functions according to the rights and usages of the Roman Catholic Church and by special Resolution approved by 75% of the members in good standing, present in person or by proxy, at a general meeting of the members of The Society.
- g. the Directors shall serve without remuneration, and the Directors shall not receive, directly or indirectly, any profits from their position as Directors but may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties; and,
- h. no part of any income of The Society shall be payable or otherwise available for the personal benefit of the member(s) thereof.