

# Lakefield & District Horticultural Society

## **CONSTITUTION- ARTICLES**

### **Article I NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Lakefield & District Horticultural Society, hereinafter referred to as the *Society*. The Society is a Member of District 4 of the Ontario Horticultural Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

### **Article II MISSION**

The mission of the Society is to encourage interest and improvement in horticulture, and related environmental issues in the community. and to enhance knowledge of these topics through education and demonstration.

### **Article III ORGANIZATION**

The Society shall be a non-profit organization incorporated pursuant to the laws of the Province of Ontario, without share capital, dedicated to carrying out its mission.

### **Article IV AUTHORITY**

Societies, through the Association, are incorporated and their legal status and direction is governed by the Act, and any revisions thereof as promulgated in the Statutes of Ontario.

### **Article V MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is interested in gardening, who agrees to the Society mission and who pays the annual membership fee. Any classes of membership and their terms of reference shall be as provided in the by-laws of the Society.

### **Article VI ADMINISTRATION**

Members, in accordance with the Act, shall elect a Board of Directors and Executive Officers. The terms of reference for election/appointment and duties to be performed by Directors and Officers shall be provided in the By-Laws of the Society.

### **Article VII AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution may be amended or revoked provided that the changes are approved by a vote cast at an annual general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A notice of motion in writing of such proposed amendment or revocation must be submitted to the secretary at least 30 days in advance of the meeting so that all members may be notified within a period of 20 to 10 days prior to the meeting. Any member of a society may submit such a notice of motion.

### **Article VIII Dissolution**

The Society may be dissolved by (a) Dissolution for Cause or (b) Dissolution by Request, as set out by the Ontario Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act.