

Practical Guide to Forming a Federation of Community Associations – Part I

- A little history...
- Membership / Criteria / Enforcement / Overlaps
- Name / Purpose / Mandate / Member Autonomy
- Meetings – open, where, how often, duration, formality
- Chair – fixed or rotating
- Agenda / Minutes (Notetaker)
- Funding (room, web, paper, advertising)
- Web Site, Notification, Letters (Policies!), References
- Political Involvement (Questions to Candidates)
- Shirtsleeve Meetings with Council / Frequency

Criteria for Official Recognition

- A mandate which included improving the quality of life in the neighbourhood.
- Membership is open to all persons residing in a general geographic area described as follows...
- The Association will register with Council the names and phone numbers of all officers and directors and will update this information when changes occur. The Council will inform the Association of any other group in the described geographical area which is making representations.
- There will be a regular communication of the activities of the Community Association with the members.
- There must be a duly advertised and open AGM.
- Records of the Association are kept as follows...
- The process by which residents may bring concerns to the Association is as follows:...

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- Motions / Resolutions / Voting – Unanimity (Work!)
- Respect / Civility
- Local vs. Broad Issues
- Education / Consultants
- Liabilities /Slapp (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation)
- Integrity / Sustainability
- From executive to a seat on Council
- Do we make a difference?
- Council attitude – 1st year to their 3rd year
- All Worthwhile ?

Dealing with Letters / Communications

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