

Name

The name of the society is FALSE CREEK SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (referred to as FCSNA, or “the Association” below).

Purpose

The purpose of the association is to:

1. provide a forum for discussion of neighbourhood concerns and interests.
2. promote an economically, socially, and culturally diverse neighbourhood with a friendly, positive, vibrant sense of community.
3. promote a safe and healthy neighbourhood.
4. promote the maintenance and improvement of the physical condition of the neighbourhood.
5. promote and advocate for the collective interests of the residents and property owners of the neighbourhood.
6. encourage civic participation by residents while remaining non-partisan as an association.
7. assist and represent the neighbourhood in obtaining information, services, and improvements from the various levels of government, while maintaining a constructive working relationship with them.

Bylaws of False Creek South Neighbourhood Association

Part 1 – Interpretation

In these bylaws unless the context otherwise requires:

"Delegate" means a person appointed to represent a member;

"Member" means a residence governed by one strata council, co-op board or society;

"Enclave" means a building or buildings within the geographic area;

"Society Act" means the Society Act of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;

"AGM" means Annual General Meeting;

"EGM" means Extraordinary General Meeting.

Part 2 -- Geographic Area

The association is comprised of Enclaves bounded by Cambie Street on the east, the south shore of False Creek on the north (including the marinas), and Burrard Street on the west. The southern boundary is (from Cambie Street) along 6th Avenue until it turns into 4th Avenue, then along 4th Avenue to Granville Street. West of Granville Street the boundary is along 2nd Avenue to Fir Street, north along Fir Street, then along Pennyfarthing Drive to the Burrard Bridge. (See map.)

Part 3 – Membership

1. Regular Delegates

Delegates of the Association will be appointed or elected by Members to represent the interests of their residents. Members may appoint or elect up to three Delegates but each Member will be entitled to only one vote. Members may exercise their vote only when the Member is in good standing. A Delegate will normally represent a Member as long as they continue to reside within, or own property within, that Enclave. Non-profit enclave Members shall elect or their boards may appoint either residents in their building(s) and/or members of their board as their delegates, and their board member delegates are not required to be residents either of their enclave or the neighbourhood. Delegates can only represent their Enclaves as long as they have the support of their strata council or board.

2. Observers

An observer may attend meetings with the permission of the President and will not participate in discussions (unless requested to do so by the President) and will not have voting privileges.

3. Fees

Membership fees shall be determined at the AGM of the Association for the following calendar year. A Member is in good standing with the association when it has paid the annual membership fee. A three-month grace period is allowed for Members who were in good standing for the previous calendar year.

Part 4 -- Regular Monthly Meetings

1. Regular monthly meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month, except for June and July. Any change to that schedule will be decided by the President, normally in consultation with the Delegates.
2. Up to three Delegates from each Member may attend regular monthly meetings.

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3. The preferred method of decision-making is by informal discussion and consensus. When deemed necessary by the President, for the purpose of clarity and/or efficiency, decisions are to be made by formal motion and majority vote. Each Member is entitled to one vote.
4. Voting by proxy is not permitted.
5. The quorum for a regular monthly meeting is 40% of the Members in good standing.
6. Decisions will be made between meetings only if the matter is urgent, and only after the President has solicited the opinion of Members to determine that at least 50% of the Members approve of the decision.

Part 5 -- Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings

1. The AGM is called by the President at a time and place determined by the Members at the monthly meetings, prior to the end of the calendar year and normally on the first Wednesday of December.
2. The Officers of the Association (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be elected at the AGM for the following calendar year.
3. An EGM may be called by the Officers of the Association or by a vote at a regular monthly meeting.
4. Members at the regular monthly meetings may propose resolutions for discussion at the AGM or an EGM.
5. The AGM or an EGM may be attended by the Delegates and by any resident or owner of a property in an Enclave. They may participate in discussions. Each Member will have one vote.
6. Voting by proxy is not permitted.
7. The quorum for an AGM or EGM is comprised of at least one Member from 40% of the Members in good standing. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall adjourn for 30 minutes and reconvene with Members present at that time comprising a quorum.

Part 6 -- Duties of Officers

The President will:

- preside at all regular monthly meetings and the AGM of the Association;
- respond to correspondence of the Association.

The Vice President will:

- carry out the duties of the President during the President's absence.

The Secretary will:

- issue notices of meetings, including a draft agenda, of the Association;
- keep minutes of all meetings of the Association;
- have custody of all records and documents of the society except those required to be kept by the treasurer;
- maintain the register of Members;
- send web updates to webmaster.

The Treasurer will:

- keep the financial records, including books of account, necessary to comply with the Society Act;
- render financial statements to the Members and others when required.

Officers must be Delegates. Officers are expected to attend all meetings, barring exceptional circumstances. An officer who misses more than three consecutive meetings or six meetings in a calendar year may be removed from office by a vote of the Members. In such a circumstance, or if an officer resigns, an alternate officer may be elected at a regular monthly meeting to serve until the next AGM or EGM

Part 7 -- Committees

Committees may be established by the Association from time to time, with Delegates selected at regular monthly meetings.

Committees shall report to the Association on a regular basis, normally monthly.

Committees must ensure that all activities are in keeping with the views of the Association as a whole.

Part 8 -- Representatives to Outside Bodies

A representative to an outside body shall be a Delegate and shall be selected by the Members at a regular monthly meeting.

The representative must ensure that the views presented to the outside body represent the views of the Association, as previously established. Decisions in an outside body made prior to consultation at a regular monthly meeting will be made only on an urgent basis and, when possible, only after email or phone consultation with the other Delegates.

The representatives shall report back to the Association on a regular basis, normally monthly.

Part 9 -- Borrowing powers

The Officers of the Association do not have the power to borrow funds.

Part 10 -- Bylaws

The Association Constitution and Bylaws will be posted on the Association website.

Neither the Constitution nor the Bylaws can be altered or added to except by resolution at an AGM or EGM. Changes to the Constitution or Bylaws require 14 days notice to Members and a 75% vote of Members cast.