

# CORNWALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL / HÔPITAL COMMUNAUTAIRE DE CORNWALL

## Application for Membership

*Excerpts taken from the Corporation's By-Law*

### ***Objects of the Corporation***

- (a) To establish, equip, staff, maintain, operate and conduct a public hospital, including without limitation active treatment programs and services, mental health services, community health, emergency services, out-patient services, rehabilitation and therapeutic services.
- (b) To operate and maintain laboratories, diagnostic imaging services, research facilities, therapeutic and rehabilitation facilities, pharmacies or dispensaries as may be required.
- (c) To participate in all phases of education pertaining to health care, including the education of dentists, midwives, nursing staff, physicians and other health care personnel.
- (d) To participate in any activities designed and carried on to promote the general health of the community.
- (e) To promote and develop standards of health care administration and service.
- (f) To provide such other health care services as are required by the communities served by the Corporation, including without limitation, the provision of community programs and addictions services, and in-home health care services, in accordance with all applicable legislation as may be amended from time to time.

### ***By-law Article 2. Membership of the Corporation***

#### **2.01 Admission**

Membership in the Corporation shall be limited to:

- (a) the Directors of the Corporation; and
- (b) Honorary members;
- (c) Auxiliary members;
- (d) Life members; and

- (e) persons interested in furthering the Corporation's objects and shall consist of any person whose Application for admission as a Member has been approved by a resolution of the Board.

## **2.02 Membership Categories**

The Corporation shall have five categories of membership:

- (a) the Directors as ex-officio Members; and
- (b) Honorary Members – The Board of Directors may appoint by resolution a person as an honorary member in recognition of contributions or of long or special services to the hospital. Honorary members shall not be subject to fees and shall not be entitled to vote.
- (c) Auxiliary Members – For the duration of a person's membership in good standing in the Auxiliary to the Cornwall Community Hospital, for at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, such person is a voting member of the Cornwall Community Hospital.
- (d) Life Members – A person who was a life member of the Cornwall General Hospital on the date of amalgamation may remain a life member of Cornwall Community Hospital provided this person is not an Excluded Person as defined in the Cornwall Community Hospital By-law. Furthermore, to retain a life membership, the person must advise the corporation annually of his or her intent to remain a member.
- (e) Annual Members.

## **2.03 Annual Membership**

- (a) Subject to subsection 2.01, a person is eligible to be an annual Member where he/she pays to the Corporation the annual membership fee for individuals, an amount to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board.
- (b) At the time of the payment of the fee in paragraph 2.03(a) above, the person must,
  - (i) not be an Excluded Person.
  - (ii) be of the full age of eighteen (18) years;
  - (iii) have been a resident in the Catchment Area for a continuous period of at least three (3) months immediately prior thereto; or
  - (iv) be employed or carry on business in the Catchment Area.
- (c) Any annual membership in the Corporation shall be effective only from April 1st in one year to March 31st in the following year.
- (d) An annual Member shall not be entitled to vote at any meetings of the Corporation unless the membership fee was paid in full at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### **2.04 Application**

- (a) Each Application for a membership in the Corporation must be in a form prescribed by the Directors of the Corporation for the then current year and must be received by the Board no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year in order to be considered in time to allow the prospective applicant an opportunity to vote at the next annual meeting of the Corporation. The decision as to whether a prospective applicant will be admitted will be made by the Board in accordance with subsection 2.01.
- (b) The Application shall contain:
  - (i) the membership qualifications set out in section 2.02 or 2.03, as the case may be, of the By-Law;
  - (ii) a statement by the applicant that he/she has read the membership qualifications and that he/she meets all of the requirements set forth therein; and
  - (iii) the applicable membership fee for the then current year.

#### **2.05 Withdrawal**

A Member may withdraw from the Corporation by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary. Upon withdrawal, a Member is not entitled to a refund of the membership dues in whole or in part.

#### **2.06 Termination of Membership**

- (a) A person's annual membership in the Corporation is automatically terminated in the event that the person ceases to be a resident of, or ceases to be employed or to carry on business in the said municipality or area referred to in paragraph 2.03(b) above.
- (b) The interest of a Member in the Corporation is not transferable and lapses and ceases to exist:
  - (i) upon death, dissolution, resignation or termination of the Member;
  - (ii) when the Member's period of membership expires (if any);
  - (iii) when the Member ceases to be a Member by resignation or otherwise in accordance with the By-Law;
  - (iv) if at a special meeting of the Board, a resolution is passed to remove the Member by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at the special meeting; and
  - (v) if any Member's membership dues are not paid within one (1) calendar month of the membership renewal date, as the case may be, the Members in default shall thereupon cease to be Members of the Corporation.

**2.07 Information Available to Members**

No Member may have access to information respecting the details of the business of the Corporation which, in the opinion of the Board, would be detrimental to the interests of the Corporation to communicate to the public.

**2.08 Membership Dues**

Members shall be notified in writing of membership dues at any time payable by them.

***Definitions***

“Catchment Area” means the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and the territory of Akwesasne.

“Excluded person” means:

- (i) any member of the Professional Staff other than the members of the Medical Staff appointed to the Board pursuant to the Public Hospitals Act.
- (ii) any employee other than the Chief Executive Officer;
- (iii) any associate of a member of the Professional Staff or employee of the Corporation.

“Associates” in relation to an individual means children living in the individual’s household, or the individual’s parents, siblings, spouse, or common law partner, and includes any organization, agency, company, or individual (such as a business partner) with a formal relationship to the individual.