



Flesherton & District Farmers' Market CONSTITUTION

The Mission of the Flesherton & District Farmers' Market Association is to provide a marketing opportunity to local farmers, growers, bakers, producers, artists and craftspeople in order to stimulate the economy of Flesherton and district

Article I - Name

Revised

1.	The Association shall be called the Flesherton and District Farmers' Market, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".	2005
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Article II - PURPOSE

1.	The purpose of the Association is to maintain and develop a Farmers' Market which will provide a marketing opportunity to local farmers, growers, bakers, artists and craftspeople in order to stimulate the economy of Flesherton and district.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
2.	The Association may also engage in other relevant activities to achieve this purpose.	2005

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

1.	Membership in the Association shall be open to market vendors and others interested in the development of the Farmers' Market, who agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association. Others interested in membership must be accepted by the Market Board.	<i>Mar 8 2014</i>
2.	A market vendor is a farmer, grower, baker, artist or craftsperson living within the boundaries of Highways 6, 89, Grey Rd 124, and Georgian Bay.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
3.	Membership fees shall be set and revised as required, at the Annual General Meeting, by a majority vote of voting members present.	2005
4.	The membership year of the Association shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31	2005

Article IV - AFFILIATION

1.	The Association shall seek affiliation with Farmers' Markets Ontario and with other organizations that have similar purposes.	2005
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Article V – MEETINGS AND VOTING PRIVILEGES

1.	An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held each year within 120 days of the end of the calendar year.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
2.	Notice of the AGM shall be made available to all members of record for the previous membership year at least 14 days prior to the meeting date	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
3.	Each member in good standing for the previous membership year shall have one vote at the AGM. If a member knows that they will not be able to attend an AGM, they can assign their vote to another member in good standing, by proxy, to vote on their behalf. Forms will be available for this purpose.	<i>2005</i>
4.	A quorum for an AGM shall be one third of the paid members	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
5.	There will be at least one Vendor Recruitment Meeting prior to the opening of the market season.	<i>2005</i>

Article VI – ELECTIONS

1.	The membership shall elect each year, at the AGM, a maximum of nine (9) directors with the current past chair as the tenth director.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
2.	The board executive will consist of the chairperson, vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer.	<i>Mar 8 2014</i>
3.	In the event of a vacancy occurring on the market board, the board shall have the power to appoint any member of the Association to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the election year.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
4.	Each director must be a paid member in good standing and must maintain their membership for the duration of their term in office	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>

Article VII – OFFICERS

1.	The immediate Past Chairperson shall serve ex-officio on the Board of Directors and act in an advisory capacity. The immediate Past Chairperson is a part of the Board and has an option to vote as long as their paid membership is retained.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
2.	The Market Manager will not have a vote at the Board of Directors' meetings, unless they are an elected director and paid member.	<i>2005</i>
3.	The Directors are responsible for; (A) The management of the affairs of the Association between AGMs (B) The implementation of resolutions passed at the AGM. (C) The Preparation of policies and initiatives for consideration	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>



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	and possible action by the general membership. (D) The Maintenance of archives	
4.	Meetings of the Board of Directors are called by the Chairperson who is responsible for preparing the agenda. The meeting of the Executive Board is at the call of the chair. The directors may also meet at the request of at least three (3) of its general members.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
5.	A quorum of Directors shall be any number over 50%.	<i>2005</i>

Article VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1.	The Chairperson shall preside at Board, Executive and Association meetings, and is also an ex-officio member of all committees.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
2.	The Chair will maintain a current Association membership list and is responsible for general correspondence	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
3.	The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.	<i>2005</i>
4.	The Recording Secretary is responsible for recording of minutes of each meeting and supplying each Director with a copy.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
5.	The Treasurer is responsible for monitoring the funds of the Association, making payments of approved expenses, presenting a statement of receipts and expenses at each general and Board meeting, and providing a reviewed financial statement for the Annual Report.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
6.	Directors shall chair committees as deemed necessary by the Board, as well as sub-committees, such as special events or projects. Each sub-committee reports to the Board during the appropriate part of the market season. Sub committees shall have a minimum of 3 members.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
7.	Members of a committee may include members of the Association and other persons interested in the Association.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
8.	The Market Manager, to be hired annually by the Association, shall be selected by the Board and shall be responsible to the Board of Directors. He/she is responsible for a current vendors list. He/she is to forward all monies received each week, with an accounting of such, to the Treasurer.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
9.	The board of Directors shall review annually, and advise as necessary, in consultation with the membership, the Constitution of the Association. Any revisions will be voted on by the membership at the AGM.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>



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Article IX - FINANCES

1.	The financial year of the Association shall be from January 1 to December 31.	<i>2005</i>
2.	At the AGM, the Treasurer shall present a reviewed financial statement for the past year.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
3.	Cheques to disburse funds of the Association shall bear the signatures of any two (2) of the Chairperson, the Treasurer or one other Executive member designated by the Board.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>

Article X - CONSTITUTION

1.	Amendments to the Constitution may be made at the AGM of the Association by a 2/3-majority vote of the members present. Notice of proposed amendments shall be made available to the membership in writing 14 days prior to the AGM, or may be made verbally from the floor at the AGM.	<i>Mar 8, 2014</i>
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