

# Changes Document

## CONSTITUTION Alberni Valley Transition Town Society

The Name of the Society is: **Alberni Valley Transition Town Society**  
The purposes of the society are:

(a) **Area:** The area covered by Alberni Valley Transition Town Society will be all the neighbourhoods and districts of the City of Port Alberni and the Alberni Valley Watershed including but not limited to the City of Port Alberni, and the areas commonly known as Beaver Creek, Cherry Creek, Sproat Lake and the Beauforts.

(b) **Vision:** We envision an Alberni Valley that is transformed within the next twenty years from the current dependancy on fossil fuels to a low-carbon, diverse, sustainable, and resilient society. Over that time we will be a transitioning community working together with other communities striving for the same goal.

(c) **Awareness:** To raise awareness of the issues in the community associated with the twin challenges of Peak Oil and Climate Change (The Challenges) and promote, encourage and support the development of education and research concerning The Challenges.

(d) **Implementation:** To create an Energy Reduction Action Plan (ERAP) for the Area including mechanisms for revision and re-evaluation and to support initiatives, by sub-groups (working groups)

and individuals in the community, in furtherance of addressing The Challenges and implementing the ERAP.

(e) **Collaborative Thinking:** To work collaboratively and respectfully with the community and amongst our members and to use existing and future methods from the Transition Initiative model to address The Challenges and the ERAP.

(f) **Freedom:** To encourage the organic formation and dissolution of specifically targeted sub-groups (working groups), who may or may not include non-members of the Society, in order to implement initiatives relating to The Challenges and specific aspects of the ERAP.

(g) **Expansion and Support:** To provide the membership, other community groups, and individuals, with the encouragement and support necessary to transition to a low carbon, sustainable, and ethical future and to network with and support the actions of other Transition Initiatives on Vancouver Island and around the world.

(h) **UNDRIP:** The Society recognizes and its members adheres to the principles of the UN Declaration of Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948).

# BYLAWS

The bylaws of the society are those ~~set out in Schedule B to the Society Act,~~ referred to as “Model Bylaws” in the Societies Act with the following variations, deletions and additions:

~~The Society also recognizes and adheres to the principles of the UN Declaration of Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948).~~ (Moved to Constitution)

- ~~1. Bylaw 7(a) of Part 2 --- Membership be revised to:  
A member shall cease to be a member upon his or her own decision.~~
- ~~2. Bylaw 8 of Part 2 --- Membership be deleted and add new bylaw.  
New Bylaw 8 to read as follows:  
A member may be expelled by decision of a special committee of directors and members for demonstrably violating the spirit or word of this constitution.~~

## Termination of membership

**2.6** A person's membership in the Society is terminated if

- (a) the person is not in good standing for 6 consecutive months.
- (b) the person ceases to be a member upon the person's decision.
- (c) the person is expelled by decision of a special committee of directors and members for not respecting the duties as outlined in 2.2.

3. ~~Bylaw 16(3) of Part 4-----Proceedings at General Meetings be revised to: A quorum will be Members in attendance.~~

### **Quorum for general meetings**

**3.7** The quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is 3 voting members. ~~or 10% of the voting members, whichever is greater.~~

4. ~~Bylaw 18 of Part 4-----Proceedings at General Meetings be revised to: The members present must choose one of their number to be the chair.~~

### **Term of Office of Directors**

**4.5** The Term of Office of an elected director will be:

- (a) President: 1 year - renewable three times.
- (b) Any other Position: 1 year - renewable four times.

5. ~~Bylaw 48, 49 and 50 of Part 9-----Borrowing be deleted and add new Bylaw 48 and remaining bylaws be renumbered accordingly. New Bylaw 48 to read as follows: The Society will neither borrow nor otherwise incur debt.~~

## **Part 8 – Borrowing**

### **No Borrowing or Debt**

**8.1** The Society will neither borrow nor otherwise incur debt.

Dated January 1, 2024