

NORTH HALTON CELTIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

As adopted Sept. 8, 2010

I Name

The name of this organization shall be the North Halton Celtic Historical Society, hereinafter called the Society.

II Objectives

The Purpose of this Society shall be to bring together those people interested in the diverse heritage of the history of settlement in North Halton, to research, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the region. The organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its objectives.

More specifically, the aims and objects shall be:

1. To undertake and promote the study of any phase of historical research within the region of North Halton.
2. To advance education by improving the public's understanding and awareness of the cultural history of North Halton by hosting events, displays, exhibitions and performances and producing educational material.
To disseminate historical information, to arouse an interest in the past and to encourage the preservation of historical, natural, archaeological and architectural heritage of the region by:
publishing or printing material; marking buildings, sites or other features of the historical and natural landscape; by holding public meetings, lectures, exhibitions; and, by undertaking a variety of information sharing, publicity and public education programs.
3. To transact such further business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

III Membership

Membership in this Society shall be open to any person interested in the history of the area, and such person may be enrolled as a member upon the receipt of application and fee in accordance with the By-Law of the Society. Categories of

membership may be established by the Society, as it may deem necessary, according to the By-Law.

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IV **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of 5 officers and 2 directors. The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Past President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. They and the Directors shall be elected for a term of one year.

V **By-Laws**

By-Laws shall be established and set forth as may be required but conditional By-Laws are not permitted nor shall any By-Law be established or amended unless in accordance with the Constitution of this Society. By-Laws may be introduced, revised, altered or amended only upon due notice being given to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or such special meeting as may be called to deal with the matter. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present shall be required to establish, revise or amend any By-Law.

VI **Amendment of the Constitution**

The Constitution of the Society may be revised, amended or altered only upon due notice given to the membership not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or such special meeting as may be called to consider the matter. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present shall be required to pass any revision or amendment. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY

I Membership

- 1) Individual membership. Annual membership is open to any person who will pay the annual fee as determined from time to time by the Society.
 - 2) Family membership may be granted at an annual fee determined from time to time by the Society.
 - 3) Organizational membership may be granted at an annual fee determined from time to time by the Society.
 - 4) Honorary memberships, along with other special classes of individual membership established by the Society, may be granted by the Executive.
- (a) Membership shall be due and payable to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days following the annual meeting each year.
 - (b) In the case of organizational memberships one individual, designated by the organization, is entitled to vote.
 - (c) A member of the Society may resign at any time submitting a resignation in writing but no refund of fee shall be made.

II Duties of Officers

- (a) President: The president is the chief executive officer of the Society and shall preside at all meetings. The president shall report annually on the activities of the Society at the Annual Meeting and shall appoint members of committees and delegates not otherwise provided for in the By-Law. The president is an ex-officio member of all committees.
- (b) Vice President: The vice president shall assume the duties of the president in the event of absence, incapacity or resignation of the president.

- (c) Past President: The Past President shall act in an advisory capacity and chair the nominating committee.

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- (d) Secretary: The secretary shall be responsible for all the correspondence of the Society and shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Society. The secretary shall also maintain a list of members and render an annual report.

- (e) Treasurer: The treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the Society funds and for maintaining adequate financial records. The treasurer shall deposit all monies received with a reliable banking company. Numbered cheques signed by any two of the treasurer, the president and designated director shall pay out monies. The treasurer shall obtain executive approval for all disbursements in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and shall render an annual report as soon as possible after conclusion of the fiscal year.
The treasurer shall collect the annual membership due

- (f) Executive Approval: The President, Vice President, Director(s), Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive. On matters requiring executive approval, at least three members of the executive, including the President, shall be consulted. In the case of a tie vote, the President shall have the deciding vote.

III **Terms of Office**

The Board of Directors shall be elected annually. Normally, they shall be limited to three consecutive one-year terms, but this limitation need not apply provided that two new directors are elected each year. In all cases, directors shall become eligible for re-election after absence from office for one year.

IV **Meetings**

- (a) General meetings of the Society, of which there shall be no fewer than two in any calendar year, shall be held on dates and in places to be determined by the executive.
- (b) The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of November each year unless otherwise designated by the executive.

(c) Meeting notices shall be circulated to all members at least fifteen (15) days in advance of each special, general or annual meeting.

(d) At any special, general or annual meeting, one-third (1/3) of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

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(e) Special meetings shall be called upon the written request to the secretary by (10) members in good standing of the Society. The meeting so requested must be held within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such request. Special meetings may be called by the executive at any time.

V **Committees**

Standing or special committees may be appointed by the President as directed by the Society.

VI **Dissolution**

Upon the demise of the Society, a special meeting will be held, consisting of a minimum of three officers and two thirds of the membership of the Society, to determine the disposition of assets. In the event that the Society has charitable organization status, the assets will accrue to another charitable group in good standing.

I hereby certify that this Constitution and By-laws was approved at a Special Meeting called to establish the North Halton Celtic Historical Society.

Date _____

_____ President

_____ Secretary

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THE FALLBROOK GREEN TECHNOLOGIES INITIATIVE

The Fallbrook Farm Historical Site commemorates the efforts of the Celtic pioneers who settled the area in the 1800's. (See attached brochure.) As well as revealing its historical significance, the NHCHS proposes to make the building and site an example of how modern technologies can reduce the impact of living in an environmentally sensitive setting. This is the preferred approach to servicing this site not only because of its physical setting, but also because it is under the jurisdiction of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) and Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC).

The site, given a concentration of a number of technologies, will provide a center of knowledge, where interested persons can view and investigate these technologies working in harmony with each other and with nature.

The Fallbrook Green Technologies Initiative will provide participants with promotional value for their goods and/or services in return for contributions "in kind" to the Fallbrook project. From the standpoint of NHCHS, this will not only reduce our cost of servicing the site, but will increase our fundraising base for purposes of procuring matching funds from other agencies.

From the standpoint of participants, promotional value would be realized in a number of ways:

- Participants would be recognized as major corporate sponsors of the Fallbrook Farm historical project.
- Signage on site – the building is adjacent to the Bruce Trail, and with an advanced waste water disposal system, could be set up as a rest stop on the trail to increase exposure to signage.
- Brochures and information available at an information kiosk on site.
- A resident caretaker/curator in attendance who could provide information and promotional materials.
- Recognition in newsletters, newspaper articles, journals and magazines related to the project, both historical and environmental.
- The favourable implications of servicing a site in the Credit Valley/Niagara Escarpment region.

Even at this early stage in the negotiations required to execute this plan, your expression of interest would be helpful in reinforcing our fundraising and business plans.

If you are interested in contributing to this project, please reply to sender with a brief description of the type of goods or service you might contribute and the approximate dollar value thereof. Firm commitment is, of course, not feasible at this time, but we would hope to move to this stage as negotiations on other fronts move forward.

Thank you for your interest to date.

Bill McKay, NHCHS

**FOUNDING MEETING OF THE
NORTH HALTON CELTIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

September 8, 2010, 11:00 AM Ballinafad United Church

Order of the day – Business meeting / light lunch / site visit (optional)
(Remember to RSVP your invitation to facilitate lunch planning)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Welcome to guests and members
3. Adoption of minutes
3. Reports - Financial & Membership
4. Motion to adopt the Constitution
5. Election of officers
6. Motion to incorporate through Ontario Historical Society
7. Any other business related to the founding of the Society
8. Motion to adjourn

Motions:

1. Be it resolved that the Society adopt the Constitution entitled “North Halton Celtic Historical Society Constitution and By-Laws as approved Sept. 8, 2010”, (distributed with the notice of meeting.)
2. Be it resolved that the North Halton Celtic Society be incorporated in the Province of Ontario through the Ontario Historical Society.

Nominations:

President	- Bill McKay
Vice President	- Jim Kirkwood
Treasurer	- Lloyd McIntyre
Secretary	- Mary McKay
Directors (2)	- Anne McIntyre
	- Kate Murray