

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **For proposed changes to the SITA Bylaws**

On November 28, 2016, a new Societies Act came into effect. The new act governs how not-for-profit societies are created and run in B.C. The new act includes significant changes to allow for more flexibility in how societies operate. All pre-existing societies have a 2-year period (until November 28, 2018) to transition the new act.

As part of the transition process a society may change their by-laws, however a society cannot change their constitution. Under the new act the constitution contains only our society's name and its purpose; all other statements must be moved to the by-laws.

Using our current by-laws and the new by-law template, Steve Perks has drafted new by-laws for our society. The proposed by-laws were discussed at the July 24, 2017 Board Meeting.

Attached for your consideration are the proposed by-laws. The proposed by-laws will be an agenda item at the September AGM.

As per our existing by-laws the proposed by-laws "may be amended by extraordinary resolution at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for that purpose. In order to pass an extraordinary resolution, approval is required by at least two-thirds of those present at said meeting."

To assist us in our discussion, here is a list of the major amendments to our current set of by-laws:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Current Bylaws</b>	<b>Proposed Bylaws</b>
Quorum at an General Meetings	20	10
Voting by proxy	If reside over 50 km away	Not permitted
Board Directors	Past - President	No Past President
Gold Card Clubs representative	One vote per club	Non-voting representative
Tennis facility representative	One vote per facility	Non-voting representative
Fiscal Year End		December 31
Notice of AGM	14 days	45 days
# of Members calling for Special GM	20 members from 3 clubs	10 members