



**STRATA PLAN LMS621  
THE WESTERLAND**

**BYLAWS**

## **The Owners, Strata Plan LMS621**

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#### **Division 1 — Duties of Owners, Tenants, Occupants and Visitors**

##### **Payment of strata fees**

- 1 An owner must pay strata fees on or before the first day of the month to which the strata fees relate.
  - (1) All required monthly maintenance fees or other assessment are due on the first day of each month. Any owner owing monies after five (5) days after the due day will be assessed a late penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The Strata Council reserve the right to invoke the remedies contained in the Strata Property Act for monies outstanding form more than 30 days beyond the due date.

##### **Repair and maintenance of property by owner**

- 2 (1) An owner must repair and maintain the owner's strata lot, except for repair and maintenance that is the responsibility of the strata corporation under these bylaws.
  - (2) An owner who has the use of limited common property must repair and maintain it, except for repair and maintenance that is the responsibility of the strata corporation under these bylaws.

##### **Use of property**

- 3 (1) An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must not use a strata lot, the common property or common assets in a way that
  - (a) causes a nuisance or hazard to another person,
  - (b) causes unreasonable noise,
  - (c) unreasonably interferes with the rights of other persons to use and enjoy the common property, common assets or another strata lot,
  - (d) is illegal, or
  - (e) is contrary to a purpose for which the strata lot or common property is intended as shown expressly or by necessary implication on or by the strata plan.
- (2) An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must not cause damage, other than reasonable wear and tear, to the common property, common assets or those parts of a strata lot which the

strata corporation must repair and maintain under these bylaws or insure under section 149 of the Act.

- (3) An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must ensure that all animals are leashed or otherwise secured when on the common property or on land that is a common asset.
- (4) An owner, tenant or occupant must not keep any pets on a strata lot other than one or more of the following:
  - (a) a reasonable number of fish or other small aquarium animals;
  - (b) a reasonable number of small caged mammals;
  - (c) up to 2 caged birds;
  - (d) one dog or one cat.
- (5) A resident or visitor must not smoke on common property. Pursuant to the City of Vancouver health bylaw 9335, s.2.2.(e), a resident or visitor must not smoke within 6 meters of any opening into any building, including any door or window that opens or any air intakes.

#### **Inform strata corporation**

- 4** (1) Within 2 weeks of becoming an owner, an owner must inform the Strata Corporation of the owner's name, strata lot number and mailing address outside the strata plan, if any.
- (2) A resident must provide the strata corporation with the names and valid telephone numbers of two contact persons for use by the strata corporation in the event of an emergency.
- (3) Within two weeks of renting a strata lot, the owner must give the strata corporation a copy of the form K - Notice of Tenant's Responsibilities signed by both the owner and the tenant, in accordance with section 146 of the act.
- (4) Where a strata lot fails to comply with bylaw 4(1) or (2), in the event of the emergency, if the owners/residents are unreachable, the strata corporation may obtain access to the strata lot by force and the related expenditures will be charged back to the strata lot.
- (5) A strata lot contravening bylaw 4(3) will be subject to a fine of \$50.00 per month and the owner must rectify the noncompliance immediately. Otherwise, as from the following month, the noncompliance will be dealt with as per continuing contravention of bylaw 24 till such a Form K is filed.

#### **Obtain approval before altering a strata lot**

- 5** (1) An owner must obtain the written approval of the strata corporation before making an alteration to a strata lot that involves any of the following:
  - (a) the structure of a building;

- (b) the exterior of a building;
  - (c) chimneys, stairs, balconies or other things attached to the exterior of a building;
  - (d) doors, windows or skylights on the exterior of a building, or that front on the common property;
  - (e) fences, railings or similar structures that enclose a patio, balcony or yard;
  - (f) common property located within the boundaries of a strata lot;
  - (g) those parts of the strata lot which the strata corporation must insure under section 149 of the Act.
- (2) The strata corporation must not unreasonably withhold its approval under subsection (1), but may require as a condition of its approval that the owner agree, in writing, to take responsibility for any expenses relating to the alteration.
- (3) This section does not apply to a strata lot in a bare land strata plan.

### **Obtain approval before altering common property**

- 6 (1) An owner must obtain the written approval of the strata corporation before making an alteration to common property, including limited common property, or common assets.
- (2) The strata corporation may require as a condition of its approval that the owner agree, in writing, to take responsibility for any expenses relating to the alteration.

### **Permit entry to strata lot**

- 7 (1) An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must allow a person authorized by the strata corporation to enter the strata lot
- (a) in an emergency, without notice, to ensure safety or prevent significant loss or damage, and
  - (b) at a reasonable time, on 48 hours' written notice, to inspect, repair or maintain common property, common assets and any portions of a strata lot that are the responsibility of the strata corporation to repair and maintain under these bylaws or insure under section 149 of the Act.
- (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) (b) must include the date and approximate time of entry, and the reason for entry.

## **Division 2 — Powers and Duties of Strata Corporation**

### **Repair and maintenance of property by strata corporation**

- 8 The strata corporation must repair and maintain all of the following:
- (a) common assets of the strata corporation;
  - (b) common property that has not been designated as limited common property;

- (c) limited common property, but the duty to repair and maintain it is restricted to
  - (i) repair and maintenance that in the ordinary course of events occurs less often than once a year, and
  - (ii) the following, no matter how often the repair or maintenance ordinarily occurs:
    - (A) the structure of a building;
    - (B) the exterior of a building;
    - (C) chimneys, stairs, balconies and other things attached to the exterior of a building;
    - (D) doors, windows and skylights on the exterior of a building or that front on the common property;
    - (E) fences, railings and similar structures that enclose patios, balconies and yards;
- (d) a strata lot in a strata plan that is not a bare land strata plan, but the duty to repair and maintain it is restricted to
  - (i) the structure of a building,
  - (ii) the exterior of a building,
  - (iii) chimneys, stairs, balconies and other things attached to the exterior of a building,
  - (iv) doors, windows and skylights on the exterior of a building or that front on the common property, and
  - (v) fences, railings and similar structures that enclose patios, balconies and yards.

### **Division 3 — Council**

#### **Council size**

- 9** (1) Subject to subsection (2), the council must have at least 3 and not more than 7 members.
- (2) If the strata plan has fewer than 4 strata lots or the strata corporation has fewer than 4 owners, all the owners are on the council.

#### **Council members' terms**

- 10** (1) The term of office of a council member ends at the end of the annual general meeting at which the new council is elected.
- (2) A person whose term as council member is ending is eligible for reelection.
- (3) to (5)[Repealed 1999-21-51.]

#### **Removing council member**

- 11** (1) Unless all the owners are on the council, the strata corporation may, by a resolution passed by a majority vote at an annual or special general meeting, remove one or more council members.
- (6) After removing a council member, the strata corporation must hold an election at the same annual or special general meeting to replace the council member for the remainder of the term.

### **Replacing council member**

- 12** (1) If a council member resigns or is unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, the remaining members of the council may appoint a replacement council member for the remainder of the term.
- (2) A replacement council member may be appointed from any person eligible to sit on the council.
- (3) The council may appoint a council member under this section even if the absence of the member being replaced leaves the council without a quorum.
- (4) If all the members of the council resign or are unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, persons holding at least 25% of the strata corporation's votes may hold a special general meeting to elect a new council by complying with the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the bylaws respecting the calling and holding of meetings.

### **Officers**

- 13** (1) At the first meeting of the council held after each annual general meeting of the strata corporation, the council must elect, from among its members, a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer.
- (2) A person may hold more than one office at a time, other than the offices of president and vice president.
- (3) The vice president has the powers and duties of the president
- (a) while the president is absent or is unwilling or unable to act, or
  - (b) for the remainder of the president's term if the president ceases to hold office.
- (4) If an officer other than the president is unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, the council members may appoint a replacement officer from among themselves for the remainder of the term.

### **Calling council meetings**

- 14** (1) Any council member may call a council meeting by giving the other council members at

least one week's notice of the meeting, specifying the reason for calling the meeting.

(2) The notice does not have to be in writing.

(3) A council meeting may be held on less than one week's notice if

- (a) all council members consent in advance of the meeting, or
- (b) the meeting is required to deal with an emergency situation, and all council members either
  - (i) consent in advance of the meeting, or
  - (ii) are unavailable to provide consent after reasonable attempts to contact them.

(7) The council must inform owners about a council meeting as soon as feasible after the meeting has been called.

## **Repealed**

**15** [Repealed 2009-17-35.]

## **Quorum of council**

**16** (1) A quorum of the council is

- (a) 1, if the council consists of one member,
- (b) 2, if the council consists of 2, 3 or 4 members,
- (c) 3, if the council consists of 5 or 6 members, and
- (d) 4, if the council consists of 7 members.

(2) Council members must be present in person at the council meeting to be counted in establishing quorum.

## **Council meetings**

**17** (1) At the option of the council, council meetings may be held by electronic means, so long as all

council members and other participants can communicate with each other.

(2) If a council meeting is held by electronic means, council members are deemed to be present in person.

(3) Owners may attend council meetings as observers.

(4) Despite subsection (3), no observers may attend those portions of council meetings that deal with any of the following:

- (a) bylaw contravention hearings under section 135 of the Act;
- (b) rental restriction bylaw exemption hearings under section 144 of the Act;

- (c) any other matters if the presence of observers would, in the council's opinion, unreasonably interfere with an individual's privacy.

### **Voting at council meetings**

- 18** (1) At council meetings, decisions must be made by a majority of council members present in person at the meeting.
- (2) Unless there are only 2 strata lots in the strata plan, if there is a tie vote at a council meeting, the president may break the tie by casting a second, deciding vote.
- (3) The results of all votes at a council meeting must be recorded in the council meeting minutes.

### **Council to inform owners of minutes**

- 19** The council must inform owners of the minutes of all council meetings within 2 weeks of the meeting, whether or not the minutes have been approved.

### **Delegation of council's powers and duties**

- 20** (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the council may delegate some or all of its powers and duties to one or more council members or persons who are not members of the council, and may revoke the delegation.
- (2) The council may delegate its spending powers or duties, but only by a resolution that
- (a) delegates the authority to make an expenditure of a specific amount for a specific purpose, or
  - (b) delegates the general authority to make expenditures in accordance with subsection (3).
- (3) A delegation of a general authority to make expenditures must
- (a) set a maximum amount that may be spent, and
  - (b) indicate the purposes for which, or the conditions under which, the money may be spent.
- (4) The council may not delegate its powers to determine, based on the facts of a particular case,
- (a) whether a person has contravened a bylaw or rule,
  - (b) whether a person should be fined, and the amount of the fine, or
  - (c) whether a person should be denied access to a recreational facility.

### **Spending restrictions**

- 21** (1) A person may not spend the strata corporation's money unless the person has been

delegated the power to do so in accordance with these bylaws.

- (2) Despite subsection (1), a council member may spend the strata corporation's money to repair or replace common property or common assets if the repair or replacement is immediately required to ensure safety or prevent significant loss or damage.

#### **Limitation on liability of council member**

- 22** (1) A council member who acts honestly and in good faith is not personally liable because of anything done or omitted in the exercise or intended exercise of any power or the performance or intended performance of any duty of the council.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect a council member's liability, as an owner, for a judgment against the strata corporation.

### **Division 4 — Enforcement of Bylaws and Rules**

#### **Maximum fine**

- 23** The strata corporation may fine an owner or tenant a maximum of
- (a) \$50 for each contravention of a bylaw, and
  - (b) \$10 for each contravention of a rule.

#### **Continuing contravention**

- 24** If an activity or lack of activity that constitutes a contravention of a bylaw or rule continues, without interruption, for longer than 7 days, a fine may be imposed every 7 days.

### **Division 5 — Annual and Special General Meetings**

#### **Person to chair meeting**

- 25** (1) Annual and special general meetings must be chaired by the president of the council.
- (2) If the president of the council is unwilling or unable to act, the meeting must be chaired by the vice president of the council.
- (3) If neither the president nor the vice president of the council chairs the meeting, a chair must be elected by the eligible voters present in person or by proxy from among those persons who are present at the meeting.

#### **Participation by other than eligible voters**

- 26** (1) Tenants and occupants may attend annual and special general meetings, whether or not they are eligible to vote.
- (2) Persons who are not eligible to vote, including tenants and occupants, may participate in the discussion at the meeting, but only if permitted to do so by the chair of the meeting.

- (3) Persons who are not eligible to vote, including tenants and occupants, must leave the meeting if requested to do so by a resolution passed by a majority vote at the meeting.

### **Voting**

- 27** (1) At an annual or special general meeting, voting cards must be issued to eligible voters.
- (2) At an annual or special general meeting a vote is decided on a show of voting cards, unless an eligible voter requests a precise count.
- (3) If a precise count is requested, the chair must decide whether it will be by show of voting cards or by roll call, secret ballot or some other method.
- (4) The outcome of each vote, including the number of votes for and against the resolution if a precise count is requested, must be announced by the chair and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- (5) If there is a tie vote at an annual or special general meeting, the president, or, if the president is absent or unable or unwilling to vote, the vice president, may break the tie by casting a second, deciding vote.
- (6) If there are only 2 strata lots in the strata plan, subsection (5) does not apply.
- (7) Despite anything in this section, an election of council or any other vote must be held by secret ballot, if the secret ballot is requested by an eligible voter.

### **Order of business**

- 28** The order of business at annual and special general meetings is as follows:
- (a) certify proxies and corporate representatives and issue voting cards;
  - (b) determine that there is a quorum;
  - (c) elect a person to chair the meeting, if necessary;
  - (d) present to the meeting proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice;
  - (e) approve the agenda;
  - (f) approve minutes from the last annual or special general meeting;
  - (g) deal with unfinished business;
  - (h) receive reports of council activities and decisions since the previous annual general meeting, including reports of committees, if the meeting is an annual general meeting;
  - (i) ratify any new rules made by the strata corporation under section 125 of the Act;
  - (j) report on insurance coverage in accordance with section 154 of the Act, if the meeting is an annual general meeting;
  - (k) approve the budget for the coming year in accordance with section 103 of the Act, if the meeting is an annual general meeting;

- (l) deal with new business, including any matters about which notice has been given under section 45 of the Act;
- (m) elect a council, if the meeting is an annual general meeting;
- (n) terminate the meeting.

## **Division 6 — Voluntary Dispute Resolution**

### **Voluntary dispute resolution**

- 29** (1) A dispute among owners, tenants, the strata corporation or any combination of them may be referred to a dispute resolution committee by a party to the dispute if
- (a) all the parties to the dispute consent, and
  - (b) the dispute involves the Act, the regulations, the bylaws or the rules.
- (2) A dispute resolution committee consists of
- (a) one owner or tenant of the strata corporation nominated by each of the disputing parties and one owner or tenant chosen to chair the committee by the persons nominated by the disputing parties, or
  - (b) any number of persons consented to, or chosen by a method that is consented to, by all the disputing parties.
- (3) The dispute resolution committee must attempt to help the disputing parties to voluntarily end the dispute.

## **Division 7 — Marketing Activities by Owner Developer**

### **Display lot**

- 30** (1) An owner developer who has an unsold strata lot may carry on sales functions that relate to its sale, including the posting of signs.
- (2) An owner developer may use a strata lot, that the owner developer owns or rents, as a display lot for the sale of other strata lots in the strata plan.

## **Division 8 — Miscellaneous**

### **Rental of Strata Lots**

31. The number of strata lots within the strata plan which may be leased or rented by their owners at any given time shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) and the limitation will be enforced by the Strata Council for any breaches.

For the purposes of enforcing this limitation the following provisions apply:

- (a) that an existing non-resident investor/owner will not be affected by this bylaw and will be allowed to continue to rent his/her strata lot until such time as he/she decides to sell or take possession of the premises, whereupon the rental restriction commences and applies.
- (b) that any existing strata lot which is leased or rented may be sold to a new owner and rental restriction shall applied to the new owner and all subsequent owners.
- (c) An Owner who has extraordinary circumstances may apply to the strata council for permission to rent his/her suite. The strata council will use their discretion for this application and advise the owner in writing of their decision.
- (d) Upon receipt of written approval of the Strata Council, the owner must, prior to the lessee or tenant taking possession of the strata lot, file a written undertaking on Form K in compliance with the Strata Property Act to ensure that the tenants are accountable and will abide by the Bylaws and Rules and Regulation of the Strata Corporation.
- (e) Should an owner of a strata lot rent or lease the strata lot in contravention of the limitation contained in these bylaws, the Council will be entitled to take one or more of the following actions:
  - (i) take all necessary steps to terminate the tenancy agreement of the lease; or
  - (ii) levy a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day for each day of contravention; such fine to be added to and form part of the month's assessment to be collected by the Corporation from the owner;
  - (iii) seek a declaration of any court of competent jurisdiction with regard the enforcement to the limitation, and/or an injunction to prevent the continued rental or leasing of such strata lot; and upon receiving such declaration or unijunction, the reasonable cost of obtaining the same will be responsibility of the owner contravening the limitation.

No rental shall be allowed in the Strata Corporation till the next Annual General Meeting when more discussion will be made.

#### Insurance and Indemnity

32. (1) An owner is deemed to be responsible for any loss of damage caused to the common property, limited common property, common assets or to any strata lot, and/or personal injury or death, where the cause of such loss or damage originated within the owner's strata lot and the loss or damage is not covered and paid by any insurance policy.

- (2) An owner is also deemed to be responsible for any loss or damage to the common property, limited common property, common assets or to any strata lot, and/ or personal injury or death, where the cause of such loss or damage is the result of an act, omission, negligence or carelessness of the owner, and/or owner's tenants, co-occupants, family members, employees, agents, contractors, guests or invitees and the loss or damage is not covered and paid by any insurance policy.
- (3) If any loss or damage deemed to be the responsibility of an owners under subsection (1) and / or (2) of this bylaw results in a claim against any insurance policy held by the strata corporation, that owner shall save harmless and indemnify, and is strictly liable to reimburse the strata corporation for the full amount of any insurance deductible, any portion of insurance coverage declined and/ or any amount by which the loss or damage exceeds the insurance coverage.
- (4) If any loss or damage deemed to be the responsibility of an owner under subsection (1) and or (2) of this bylaw does not exceed the insurance deductible for an insurance policy held by the strata corporation, that owner is strictly liable and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the strata corporation for any resulting expense for maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary, including legal costs incurred in relation to defending any claim against the strata corporation, and/ or prosecuting any claim made against the owner, such indemnity to be on a solicitor and client basis, including disbursements, expenses, taxes, filing and / or Court fees, all of a full indemnity basis.
- (5) An owner is strictly liable to the strata corporation and to other owners and occupants for any damage to common property, limited common property, common assets or to any strata lot as a result of:
  - i. Any of the following items located in the owner's strata lot:
    - a. dishwasher;
    - b. refrigerator with ice/water dispensing capabilities;
    - c. garburator;
    - d. washing machine and dryer;
    - e. toilets, sinks, bathtubs and, where located wholly within the strata lot and accessible to the owner, plumbing pipes, fixtures and hoses;
    - f. fireplaces;
    - g. smoke alarms;
    - h. anything introduced into the strata lot by the owner;
  - ii. Any alterations or additions to the strata lot, the limited common property or the common property made by the owner or by prior owner(s) of the strata lot;
  - iii. Any pets in the owner's strata lot; and
  - iv. Any Children residing in or visiting at the owner's strata lot.

