

August 12, 2024

Dear FRPC member

Subject: **FRPC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SEPT 22, 2024, 1:30 pm**

It is once again time for our AGM and this year is important. The Ontario Corporations Act has been revised and like all Not-for-Profit entities, FRPC, as a registered Not-For-Profit Corporation, is mandated to file "Articles of Continuance" and updated 'Bylaws' by the deadline of October 2024. This year our Agenda will include member voting on the following:

Special Resolution on:

1. Articles of Continuance

Purposes:

Currently state:

- To encourage safe and organized shooting for members and guests with interest and attention distributed across all disciplines.
- To promote safe and proficient use of firearms in a social group environment.
- To provide recreation facilities incidental to the use of such firearms.
- To further the characteristics of honesty, self-discipline, team play and good fellowship among shooters.
- To maintain, protect and promote private firearm ownership as a lawful sport and a tradition rooted in our national identity.

Amendment proposed to ADD the following:

- To provide a safe and educational environment, a supportive community, access for new members to experienced members as mentors, and membership orientation sessions to members.
- To promote a better understanding of responsible firearms ownership within our community by hosting events that are open to the public.
- To support our community organizations and local not-for-profit organizations and charities in their undertakings to aid our community.

Special Provisions:

To ADD:

"Commercial purposes, if any, included in the articles are intended only to advance or support one or more of the non-profit purposes of the corporation. No part of a corporation's profits or of its property or accretions to the value of the property may be distributed, directly or indirectly, to a member, a director or an officer of the corporation except in furtherance of its activities or as otherwise permitted by the Act."

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To AMEND:

“Upon dissolution of the corporation and after satisfying the interests of its creditors in all its debts, obligations and liabilities, its remaining property shall be donated to the **Nature Conservancy Canada or similar wildlife habitat refuge.**”

Our previous Articles from 2007 stated “*donated to the National Firearms Association*” and it is **PROPOSED TO AMEND THAT TO READ “Nature Conservancy Canada or similar wildlife habitat refuge”**

2. Bylaws

This 20-page document is available for review on the club website www.frpc.ca with your member log-in. They have been formed using content from our current club **bylaws** and club constitution, bringing them into alignment with the rules of ONCA (2010). **These also require your review and approval.**

Both Articles and Bylaws have been prepared by Veridius Lex, a Not-for-Profit Legal team, with input and oversight by the Board over several months and have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

(A complete version of Articles of Continuance and Bylaws are available on the club website and posted at the club in hard copy for review).

Please review these documents so you are prepared to vote on the resolutions as they are presented. Results of voting will be by count of in-person votes as well as votes received by Proxy. *Please mail in the proxy form if you are unable to attend OR you may indicate an alternate person to attend on your behalf. Either way, please remember to sign your name when submitting the proxy form to us or when giving it to the alternate.* Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope to return the Proxy Form by mail for receipt by September 21 or use the drop box at the club for hand delivery.

Full versions of all documents to be presented for approval at the AGM can be viewed on the website, as soon as you log in. As in past years, the Minutes of last year’s AGM and this year’s financial report are also on the website and posted at the club in hard copy for your review. As an agenda item, they will be presented for review and approval along with voting for Directors during the meeting.

This is your opportunity to make an important contribution to the future of FRPC – not only with your vote but in the understanding of the governance of the club and how it affects the membership. We hope you will attend the AGM with Special Resolutions to help move FRPC forward in these endeavors. This will be an in-person meeting and a BBQ lunch will be served at 11:30 am prior to the meeting.

Sincerely



Damon Harvey, Interim President/Chairman



Linda Cooper, Treasurer