

The By-Laws
of the
RASC, New Brunswick Centre
SRAC, Centre de Nouveau Brunswick

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NEW BRUNSWICK CENTRE BY-LAW #1

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

- 1.01 In this By-law, and in all other By-laws of the Centre, unless the context requires a different meaning,
- (1) "attached" member means a member of the Society who is a member of the Centre under Article 3.04(1), of the By-law #1 of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,
 - (2) "Centre" means The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, New Brunswick Centre / La Société Royale d'Astronomie du Canada, Centre de Nouveau Brunswick,
 - (3) "Constitution" means the Letters Patent and all of the By-laws of the Society,
 - (4) "Council" means the administering body of the Centre referred to in Article 7.01,
 - (5) "Councillors" are the remaining Officers of the Council not in the Executive,
 - (6) "Executive" are Officers of the Council consisting of the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Past President,
 - (7) "member" means a member of the Centre under Article 6,
 - (8) "National By-laws" means all of the By-laws of the Society,
 - (9) "National Council" means the Council of the Society established under the National By-laws,
 - (10) "ordinary resolution of the Centre" means a resolution passed by a majority of those voting members of the Centre present and voting at a meeting of the Centre,
 - (11) "ordinary resolution of the Council" means a resolution passed by a majority of those voting members of the Council present and voting at a meeting of the Council,
 - (12) "Society" means The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada – La Société Royale d'Astronomie du Canada,
 - (13) "special resolution of the Centre" means a resolution passed by two-thirds of those voting members of the Centre present and voting at a meeting of the Centre,
 - (14) "special resolution of the Council" means a resolution passed by two-thirds of those voting members of the Council present and voting at a meeting of the Council,
 - (15) "unattached member" means a member of the Society who is not a member of a Centre, and
 - (16) "voting member" means an ordinary, youth or life member of the Centre in good standing.

ARTICLE 2 – NAME OF THE CENTRE

- 2.01 The name of the Centre shall be “The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, New Brunswick Centre (or “La Société Royale d’Astronomie du Canada, Centre de Nouveau Brunswick”)

ARTICLE 3 - SEAL

- 3.01 The Corporate seal of the Centre shall be such as the Council may by an ordinary resolution from time to time approve.

ARTICLE 4 – OBJECTIVES

- 4.01 The objectives of the Centre are:

- (1) To stimulate interest and to promote and increase knowledge in astronomy and related sciences in New Brunswick,
- (2) To work in conjunction with the Society and other Centres of the Society to further the progress of astronomy in Canada,
- (3) To acquire and maintain equipment and other property necessary for the pursuit of its objectives,
- (4) To publish newsletters and other material containing information on the progress of astronomy and the work of the Society and the Centre,
- (5) To receive and administer gifts, donations and bequests from members of the Centre and others, and
- (6) To make contributions and render assistance to individuals, groups and institutions engaged in the study and advancement of astronomy.

ARTICLE 5 – RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CENTRE AND THE SOCIETY

5.01 ASSOCIATION OF CENTRE AND SOCIETY

The Centre is a constituent part of and associated with the Society.

5.02 CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY

- (1) The operation of the Centre is governed by the Centre’s By-laws and the Constitution of the Society.
- (2) The By-laws of the Centre shall not conflict with the Constitution of the Society, and any Centre by-law that does conflict is inoperative to the extent of the conflict.

- (3) Where a resolution or action of the Centre conflicts with a resolution or action of the Society, the resolution or action of the Society shall prevail and the resolution or action of the Centre is inoperative to the extent of the conflict.

5.03 CENTRE DEBTS

The Centre shall be responsible for its own debts, obligations and claims and shall not incur or be liable for any debt, obligation or claim incurred by the Society.

ARTICLE 6 – MEMBERSHIP

6.01 ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the Centre shall be open to all persons who are interested in astronomy, as provided by the Letters Patent of the Society.

6.02 CLASSES OF MEMBERS

- (1) There shall be four classes of membership in the Centre: ordinary, youth, life and associate. Every member of the Centre shall be elected to membership under Article 6.03.
- (2) An ordinary member of the Centre is a member of the Centre who has paid the ordinary membership fee under Article 6.05.
- (3) A youth member of the Centre is a member of the Centre who has paid the youth membership fee under Article 6.05 and who is less than twenty-one years of age at the time of such payment. Eligibility for youth membership terminates at the end of the membership year in which the person becomes twenty-one years of age.
- (4) A life member of the Centre is a person who has been elected to membership in the Centre, whether directly as a life member or previously as an ordinary or youth member, and has paid the life membership fee under Article 6.05, or a member of the Centre upon whom the National Council has conferred life membership in recognition of specified meritorious service to the Society or to the Centre. A life member shall not pay any annual membership fee other than any applicable surcharges established under Articles 6.05 and 6.07.
- (5) An associate member of the Centre is a family member of an ordinary, youth or life member of the Centre, or an ordinary, youth or life member of another Centre who has been elected to associate membership in the Centre by special resolution of the Centre Council, who has paid the associate membership fee referred to in Article 6.05.

6.03 ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Subject to Article 3.11 of the National By-law #1, a person becomes a member of the Centre by submitting an application and the appropriate fee as provided for in Article 6.05.

6.04 RELATIONSHIP OF CENTRE MEMBERS AND THE SOCIETY

Every ordinary, youth and life member of the Centre is also a member of the Society. A person who for any reason ceases to be a member of the Society thereupon ceases to be a member of the Centre. An associate member of the Centre is not a member of the Society, except through membership in another Centre.

6.05 MEMBERSHIP FEES AND SURCHARGES

- (1) The annual membership fees for ordinary and youth members and the life membership fee shall be as determined from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Society, and may include an additional "basic surcharge" as specified in Article 6.05(5).
- (2) The annual membership fee for the associate member shall be determined from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Council.
- (3) Annual membership fees and life membership fees for members attached to the Centre shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Centre or to the Society.
- (4) Associate membership fees, if any, and Centre surcharges, if any, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Centre.
- (5) The Centre or the Council of the Centre may, by special resolution, establish one or more surcharges applicable to members of the Centre or to any class thereof, in respect of any Centre right or service.

If the Centre imposes any surcharges upon its members before allowing them to exercise their rights specified in Article 6.06, then this surcharge shall be designated a "basic surcharge" and this basic surcharge must be set in an amount no higher than is necessary to recover the direct costs of providing such rights, including the cost, if any, of meeting facilities for meetings of the Centre and the Council. Additional surcharges may be required for additional Centre rights and services, but entitlement to the above-specified Centre rights shall not be conditional upon payment of such additional surcharges.

6.06 ENTITLEMENT OF MEMBERS TO CENTRE RIGHTS AND SERVICES

- (1) Every voting member is entitled to exercise the following rights:
 - (a) To attend and, where permitted by applicable legislation, to vote at all Centre meetings;
 - (b) To attend all meetings of the Council, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Council declares, by special resolution, a meeting or part of a meeting to be closed to the membership;
 - (c) Where he or she is twenty-one years of age or more, to stand for election as an Officer of the Council of the Centre; and
 - (d) Where he or she is twenty-one years of age or more, to stand for election as a National Council Representative under Article 8.02.
- (2) Associate members of the Centre shall be entitled to exercise such rights as are determined from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Centre or Council.

6.07 DURATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO CENTRE RIGHTS AND SERVICES

A member who is entitled to the specified Centre rights under Article 6.06(1) for a membership year is so entitled until the expiration of said membership. If the Centre does not have a basic surcharge, a life member attached to the Centre is entitled to the specified Centre rights under Article 6.06(1) as long as he or she remains attached to the Centre. If the Centre has a basic surcharge, a life member attached to the Centre is entitled to the specified Centre rights under Article 6.06(1) upon payment of this annual basic surcharge.

6.08 TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

A member of another Centre may transfer his or her membership and become attached to the Centre, and an unattached member may become a member of and attached to the Centre, upon application. Such transfer or attachment is effective from the beginning of the membership year following that in which the transfer or attachment is so accepted.

6.09 TERMINATION OF AND EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP

A member's membership can be terminated as provided by the National By-law #1, Article 3.11.

ARTICLE 7 – COUNCIL

7.01 DUTIES AND COMPOSITION

- (1) The property and business of the Centre shall be administered by the Council, the members of which shall, subject to Article 7.02(3), be the elected or appointed Officers of the Council of the Centre referred to in Article 8.01.
- (2) The Council may from time to time:
 - (a) Borrow money upon the credit of the Centre in such amounts and upon such terms as may be deemed necessary,
 - (b) Issue bonds, debentures, debenture stock or other securities of the Centre for its lawful purposes, for such amounts and upon such terms as may be deemed expedient, and pledge or sell the same for such sums and at such prices as the Council may determine,
 - (c) Hypothecate, mortgage, charge or pledge all or any of the real or personal, movable or immovable, property, undertaking the rights of the Centre to secure any such bonds, debentures, debenture stock or other securities or any money borrowed or any other liability of the Centre,
 - (d) Delegate to such one or more of the Officers of the Council as may be designated by the Council all or any of the powers conferred by clauses (a) through (c) to such extent and in such manner as the Council shall determine at the time of each such delegation, and
 - (e) Give indemnities to any Officer of the Council or other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Centre, and to secure such member of the Council or other person against loss by giving to him or her a mortgage or charge upon the whole or any part of the real or personal property of the Centre.

7.02 MEETINGS OF CENTRE COUNCIL

- (1) The Council shall meet as often as the business of the Centre shall require, but at least three times in each membership year.
- (2) Subject to Articles 7.02(1) and (4), meetings of the Council shall be called by the President and shall be held at such a place as is designated by the President.
- (3) Every meeting of the Council shall be presided over by the President, in his or her absence by the 1st Vice-President, in his or her absence by the 2nd Vice-President, and in the absence of all of them by another member of the Council elected at the meeting. The presiding member may vote at a meeting only to cast a deciding vote in the event of a tied vote.
- (4) Upon receipt of a requisition in writing signed by at least four voting members of the Council, the President shall call a meeting of the Council to consider the business specified and at such place as is named in the requisition. If the President fails to call a meeting of the Council to be held within thirty days of such requisition, then any voting member of the Council who has signed such a requisition may call a meeting of the Council.
- (5) At least ten days before the date of such meeting by requisition the Secretary shall send to every member of the Council notice of the meeting, which shall state the names of the requisitioning members and the date of and the business specified in the requisition. If the Secretary fails to send such notice, then notice of a meeting may be sent by any member who has signed such requisition, at the expense of the Centre, at least ten days before the date of the meeting.
- (6) No business shall be conducted at any point at a meeting of the Council at which a quorum, which shall be five members of the Council, is not present.
- (7) Unless otherwise specified in the By-laws of the Centre, the Council shall act by ordinary resolution, and the conduct of Council meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 8 – OFFICERS

8.01 OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

The voting Officers of the Council of the Centre shall be made up of six Executives and four Councillors.

- (1) The Executive shall be composed of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. All of the Executives except the Immediate Past President shall be elected according to article 8.05 or appointed according to article 8.14.
- (2) Councillors shall be elected according to article 8.05 or appointed according to article 8.14.

8.02 NATIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

The National Council Representative(s) shall be elected by members of the Centre, according to Article 4.08 of the National By-Laws and Article 8.05 of the Centre By-Laws

8.03 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

- (1) Every voting member who is twenty-one years of age or more has the right to stand for election or appointment to any elected or appointed position within the Centre.
- (2) No person who is an elected officer of the Society may simultaneously be the President, Secretary, Treasurer or a National Council Representative of the Centre.

8.04 NOMINATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

(1) A Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of one or more candidates for each elected office of the Council and for the National Council Representative(s) for which an election must be held. This list shall be presented to the Secretary of the Centre prior to the annual meeting.

(2) The Nominating Committee shall call for nominations before 1 September of each year.

8.05 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

(1) The vote shall be by ballot, received at the annual meeting or mailed out to each member not less than thirty days prior to the annual meeting. The ballots must be received by the Nominating Committee by election time to be eligible.

(2) Where there is more than one nomination for an elected office of Council or National Council Representative(s), the Officer or National Council Representative(s) shall be elected by vote of the members of the Centre during the annual meeting of the Centre. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

(3) Where there is only one nomination for an elected office of the Council or the National Council Representative(s), the Officer or Representative shall be elected by a confidence vote.

8.06 TERMS OF OFFICE

- (1) The terms of office of elected officers under Article 8.01 shall be two years. No person may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.
- (2) The terms of office of every elected officer shall commence on the 1 January and expire on 31 December of the following year.

8.07 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

- (1) The President shall:
 - (a) Preside at all meetings of the Centre and the Council as provided by Articles 7.02(3) and 10.04,
 - (b) Represent and speak for the Centre when appropriate, and
 - (c) Have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council.
- (2) The President is a member of all committees of the Council, as prescribed in Article 9.02.

8.08 DUTIES OF THE 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

(1) The 1st Vice-President shall:

- (a) Assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties,
- (b) Preside at meetings of the Council and of the Centre in circumstances prescribed in Articles 7.02(3) and 10.04,
- (c) Have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council, and
- (d) Assume the duties of the President in case of absence, resignation, disqualification, removal or death.

8.09 DUTIES OF THE 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

(1) The 2nd Vice President shall:

- (a) Assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties,
- (b) Preside at meetings of the Council and of the Centre in circumstances prescribed in Articles 7.02(3) and 10.04,
- (c) Have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council, and
- (d) Assume the duties of the 1st Vice-President in case of absence, resignation, disqualification, removal, or death, or in the event that article 8.08(d) has been invoked.

8.10 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

(1) The Secretary shall:

- (a) Conduct the correspondence of the Centre and report thereon to Council,
- (b) Have custody of the seal and the current minutes and documents of the Centre,
- (c) Discharge the duties prescribed in Article 10.01(2),
- (d) Be responsible for the preparation and submission of accurate minutes of all meetings of the Council,
- (e) Send to all members of the Council the minutes of all Council meetings, and
- (f) Have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council.

8.11 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

(1) The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Prepare the annual financial statement of the Centre as specified by article 11.02, present them to the Council for approval prior to the next annual meeting of the Centre, and present the approved annual financial statement for adoption by the annual meeting of the Centre as prescribed in Article 10.01(3)(a),
- (b) Submit the financial statement referred to in article 8.11(1)(a) to the Treasurer of the Society by 15 January in each membership year,
- (c) Prepare and keep complete financial records of the business of the Centre, including books of receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities,
- (d) Receive and supervise the deposit of receipts,
- (e) Supervise the disbursement of Centre funds,

- (f) Supervise the safekeeping of the Centre's securities and other monetary assets,
- (g) Prepare and present to each meeting of the Council a statement of the Centre's revenues and expenses since the last Council meeting,
- (h) In general, conduct the financial business of the Centre in accordance with the direction of the Council, and
- (i) Have such duties as may be prescribed by the Council.

8.12 DUTIES OF THE COUNCILLORS

The Councillors elected under Article 8.05 or appointed under Article 8.14 shall have such duties as may be prescribed by the Council.

8.13 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

An Officer of the Council may be removed from office by special resolution of the Centre. Any such person whom it is proposed to remove from office is entitled to receive a personal notice of the meeting prior to the announcement of the meeting at which such removal shall be proposed and of the intention to propose such removal, and make representation on his or her behalf at the meeting of the Centre at which the vote is held.

8.14 VACANCY OF AN OFFICE

If the position of an Officer of the Council becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, or removal under Article 8.13, then another eligible member of the Centre may be elected by ordinary resolution of the Council to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term of office. In the event that a position must be filled prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council, the President may appoint a member of the Centre to the position until the next meeting of the Council.

ARTICLE 9 – COMMITTEES

9.01 COMMITTEES

- (1) The Council may establish from time to time any committee for such purposes and for such term, not exceeding two years, as the Council shall prescribe. Such term is renewable by the Council any number of times.
- (2) Each committee shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the Council, together with such other members as are appointed by the Council, or if the Council does not appoint other members or appoints some but not all members, then by the chairperson of the committee in such additional numbers as may be prescribed by Council.
- (3) The term of office of a member of a committee is for up to two years, renewable.

9.02 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT

The president shall be a voting member of all committees of the Council. The president shall not be considered a member of any committee for the purpose of reckoning the number of members of the committee or a quorum of the committee.

9.03 REPORTS TO CENTRE COUNCIL

All committees of the Centre shall be subject to the authority of the Council. Each committee shall keep a record of its operations and shall report thereon to the Council at every meeting of the Council and otherwise as required by the Council. Each committee that receives or expends funds of the Centre shall present annually to the Council a statement of its financial operations.

9.04 COMMITTEE DECISIONS

No committee decisions shall be taken without the consent of the majority of the members. No business shall be conducted at any point at a meeting of any committee at which a quorum, which shall be at least half of the members thereof, is not present.

9.05 VACANCY ON A COMMITTEE

If a vacancy on a committee occurs by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or removal, then another eligible member of the Council or the Centre, as the case may be, may be appointed by an ordinary resolution of the Council to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term of office. If the Council does not appoint an eligible member, then the chairperson of the committee shall appoint an eligible member as prescribed by Council.

9.06 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

The chairperson and any member of any committee except the President may be removed from office by ordinary resolution of the Centre. Any such person whom it is proposed to remove from office is entitled to receive a personal notice of the meeting prior to the announcement of the meeting at which such removal shall be proposed and of the intention to propose such removal, and make representation on his or her behalf at the meeting of the Centre at which the vote is held.

ARTICLE 10 – MEETINGS OF THE CENTRE

10.01 ANNUAL MEETING

- (1) The annual meeting of the members of the Centre shall be held between 1 October and 31 December in each membership year at such place as shall be designated by the Council.
- (2) At least ten days before the date of the annual meeting, the Secretary shall notify each voting member of the Centre:
 - (a) Specifying the time and place of the annual meeting, and
 - (b) Any proposed By-law or amendment to the constitution of the Centre adopted by special resolution of the Council under Article 15.01.
- (3) The order of procedure at the annual meeting shall be as follows:

- (a) Consideration and approval of the reports of the Council, the Officers of the Council, and committees of the Council, and presentation and adoption of the financial statements;
- (b) Consideration of any matter proposed to be adopted by special resolution of the Centre;
- (c) Election of Officers of the Council; and
- (d) Other business.

10.02 REGULAR MEETINGS

The President shall call regular meetings of members of the Centre as often as the business and activities of the Centre may require. Notice of such meetings shall be given in such manner as can reasonably be expected to bring the calling of such meeting to the attention of the members of the Centre.

10.03 MEETINGS ON REQUISITION

- (1) Upon requisition in writing signed by at least ten voting members of the Centre, the President shall call a meeting of the Centre to consider the business specified and at such place as is named in the requisition. If the President fails to call a meeting of the Centre to be held within sixty days of such requisition, then any voting member of the Centre who has signed such requisition may call a meeting of the Centre.
- (2) At least thirty days before the date of such meeting the Secretary shall notify every voting member of the Centre of the meeting, stating the names of the requisitioning members, the location and time of the meeting, and the business specified in the requisition. If the Secretary fails to give such notice, the notice of the meeting may be given by any voting member who has signed such requisition, at the expense of the Centre, at least thirty days before the date of the meeting.
- (3) At any such meeting of the Centre, only such business as is specified in the requisition shall be conducted.

10.04 PRESIDING MEMBERS

- (1) The annual meeting of the Centre shall be presided over by the President, in his or her absence by the 1st Vice-President, in his or her absence by the 2nd Vice-President, and in the absence of all of them by a member of the Council elected at the meeting. The presiding member may vote at a meeting only to cast the deciding vote in the event of a tied vote.
- (2) Every other meeting of the Centre shall be presided over by the President or by his or her designate.

10.05 QUORUM

No business shall be conducted at any point at the annual meeting of the Centre, and no vote shall be taken at any meeting of the Centre at which a quorum, which shall be 12 voting members of the Centre, is not personally present.

10.06 CONDUCTING OF BUSINESS

Unless otherwise prescribed in the Centre By-laws, by applicable legislation, or by the National By-laws, the Centre shall act by ordinary resolution, and the conduct of Centre meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 11 – FINANCES

11.01 FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Centre commences on 1 October and ends on 30 September.

11.02 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Centre's annual financial statements shall consist of a balance sheet, a statement of the revenues and expenses, and such other statements as are required in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, by the Council or by the National Council.

ARTICLE 12 – SIGNING AUTHORITY

12.01 SIGNING AUTHORITY

- (1) Contracts, or any instrument in writing requiring the signature of the Centre shall be signed by two members of the Executive, at least one of which shall be either the President, the 1st Vice-President or the 2nd Vice-President and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Centre without further authorization or formality. The Council shall have the power from time to time by ordinary resolution to appoint an officer or officers on behalf of the Centre either to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing generally or to sign specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing.
- (2) Every officer who and every committee that has responsibility for the expenditure of an amount allocated under the budget may expend such amount and thereupon bind the Centre to that extent without further authorization.

ARTICLE 13 – REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

13.01 REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No member of the Council or of a committee shall receive any remuneration from the Centre for his or her services, but each member shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all expenditures authorized by the Council and made by him or her on behalf of the Centre or in connection to the Centre's business.

ARTICLE 14 – CONFORMITY TO BY-LAWS

14.01 CONFORMITY TO BY-LAWS

Subject to Article 14.02, no action taken contrary to the By-laws of the Centre is valid.

14.02 FAILURE TO RECEIVE NOTICE

The failure of any person to receive notice of any meeting required to be given under the By-laws of the Centre does not affect the validity of any action taken at such meetings.

ARTICLE 15 – REPEAL AND AMENDMENT

15.01 AMENDMENT AND ENACTMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The By-laws of the Centre may be repealed or amended, the supplementary Letters Patent may be enacted and other By-laws of the Centre may be enacted, by special resolution of the Centre. No such action is effective until approved by the National Council, as prescribed by the National By-laws, and until approved in accordance with applicable legislation, if any.

15.02 REPEAL OF PREVIOUS BY-LAWS

All previous By-laws of the Centre are repealed as of the coming into force of this By-law. Such repeal shall not affect the previous operation of any by-law so repealed or affect the validity of any action done or right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired or incurred under, or the validity of any contract or agreement made pursuant to, any such by-law prior to its repeal. All officers or persons acting under any By-law so repealed shall continue to act as appointed under the provisions of this By-law and all resolutions of the Centre or of the Council or a committee of the Council with continuing effect passed under any repealed by-law shall continue good and valid except to the extent inconsistent with this By-law and until amended or repealed.