

SOCIETIES ACT

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is GREATER VICTORIA HARBOUR AUTHORITY.
 2. The purposes of the society are:
 - (a) To promote and develop the Victoria and Esquimalt harbours to meet local, Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, municipal, provincial and federal interests and priorities.
 - (b) To manage and develop harbour assets and operations in an efficient and integrated manner based on a range of uses.
 - (c) To maintain the operations of the harbour on a self-sufficient basis without recourse to local subsidies and without exposing local communities, Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, the Provincial Capital Commission, or Provincial or local governments to unnecessary liabilities.
 - (d) To work in a cooperative manner with the Members, community associations, governments and private business, developing partnerships where appropriate.
 - (e) To respond to, and be reflective of, community interests, including the harbour users, at all times through consistent forms of consultation.
 - (f) To ensure the public is consistently informed on the operations of the harbour.
 - (g) To manage certain federal harbour assets and responsibilities including the Victoria Harbour Water Airport, Victoria harbour and other federal land and water lots.
 - (h) To acquire control of sufficient harbour lands over time (including water lots, foreshore, and adjacent uplands) to achieve effective administration and operation of the harbour and to ensure equitable treatment for all harbour users.
 - (i) To help to identify creative methods of facilitating a meaningful role for First Nations in the economic development, management and administration of the Harbour Area and of facilitating a public awareness of First Nations' history and presence in the area.
 - (j) To develop and maintain, in a current state, a strategic plan for the harbour that maintains the harbour on a self-financing basis and identifies potential growth for harbour activities.
 - (k) To establish and maintain sufficient working capital to improve existing facilities and develop future additions to harbour facilities.
 - (l) To promote the environmental sustainability of the Harbour Area and to promote compliance with environmental standards in the Harbour Area.
 - (m) To promote sharing of all benefits and resources generated in the Harbour Area.
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