

Canadian Mental Health Association, Kamloops Branch

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kamloops Branch.
2. The purposes of the Society are:
 - a. To promote activities to improve the mental health of persons in the Kamloops, Merritt, Barriere, Chase, Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Clearwater, Lillooet, Logan Lake and Lytton areas of British Columbia.
 - b. To initiate and foster programs and services to prevent or ameliorate mental illness.
 - c. To stimulate and guide community action, which will ensure the provision of adequate professional facilities and services for people suffering with mental illness and their families.
 - d. To encourage partnership arrangements among the Society, other voluntary organizations, mental health professionals, governments and business interests for the purpose of pooling ideas and efforts to best advantage for the improvement of mental health.
 - e. To seek improvement and integration of treatment and rehabilitation services for persons who become impaired or disabled by mental illness.
 - f. To improve public understanding and attitudes about mental illness and persons disabled by mental illness.
 - g. To monitor the process of treatment of emotionally disturbed persons to ensure human rights and dignity are considered and protected.
 - h. To raise funds to carry out its purposes; and
 - i. To construct, provide, maintain, lease, own and manage houses and housing projects focused upon developing inclusive housing and housing policy.

3.1 The Society shall carry out its purposes without purpose of gain for its members, and the Society shall use any profits or other accretions to the Society for promoting its purposes.

3.2 No part of the income of the Society shall be payable to or be otherwise available for the benefit of any member of the Society.

4. The Society shall not pay any remuneration or profit, directly or indirectly, to any director for services as a director, but the Society may defray any expenses incurred by a director in the performance of his or her duties.

5. The Society shall devote all its resources to charitable activities, and the Society shall carry out its activities exclusively for charitable purposes.

6.1 If the members of the Society (by ordinary resolution) and the Canadian Mental Health Association, BC Division, jointly nominate a charitable organization in Canada, registered under the provisions of the *Income tax Act*, for the purposes of this Section, then on the winding up and dissolution of the Society, the assets remaining, after all debts have been paid or provision for payment has been made, shall be paid, transferred or delivered to that charitable organization.

6.2 If the members of the Society (by ordinary resolution) and the Canadian Mental Health Association, BC Division, do not jointly nominate a charitable organization as contemplated by Subsection 6.1, then on the winding up and dissolution of the Society, the assets remaining, after all debts have been paid or provision for payment has been made, shall be paid, transferred or delivered to the Canadian Mental Health Association in trust for use in the geographical area described in the name of the Society.

7. Subsection 3.1 and 3.2, Section 4 and 5, Subsections 6.1 and 6.2 and this Section are unalterable.