

Communiskate Inc.

Constitution

1.0 **NAME** The name of the organization/agency/group shall be **Communiskate Inc.** (hereinafter called "**Communiskate Inc.**").

2.0 **OBJECTS** **Communiskate Inc.** established 1996

2.1 To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of White City/Emerald Park and surrounding area (hereinafter described as "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organizations and inhabitants in a common effort to provide a facility in the interests of recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

2.1.2 To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Rink (hereinafter called 'the Rink') and to maintain it and to manage to cooperate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Rink for activities promoted by **Communiskate Inc.** and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.

2.2 In furtherance of the above objects, **Communiskate Inc.** may:

2.2.1 Provide, maintain and equip, or assist in the provision, maintenance and equipment of, premises and facilities designed to carry out the objects of **Communiskate Inc.**;

2.2.2 Promote and carry out, or assist in community projects deemed relevant to the objects of **Communiskate Inc.**;

2.2.3 Obtain, collect and receive money by way of grants, donations, bequests, legacies or other lawful method, provided to **Communiskate Inc.**;

2.2.4 Purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of the above objects and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections which **Communiskate Inc.** deems necessary for the promotion of its objects;

2.2.5 Make any regulations for any property which may be so acquired;

2.2.6 Sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of **Communiskate Inc.** with a view to the furtherance of its objects;

2.2.7 Receive money on deposit or loan and borrow or raise money in such a manner as **Communiskate Inc.** shall think.

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2.2.8 Invest the monies of **Communiskate Inc.** not immediately required for the furtherance of the said objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit;

2.2.9 Recruit and train volunteers with relevant skills to carry out the objectives of **Communiskate Inc.**

2.2.10 Employ and pay any person or persons, not being a member of the Executive Committee (unless approved by the Executive Committee), to supervise, organize and carry on the work of **Communiskate Inc.** and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of remuneration to employees;

2.2.11 Promote and organize co-operation in the achievement of the above objects and to that end to work in association with local authorities and voluntary organizations engaged in the furtherance of the above objects in the area of benefit;

2.2.12 Do all such other lawful things as may be necessary for the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership of **Communiskate Inc.** shall be open to the following, irrespective of political party, nationality, religion or political opinion:

3.1.1 People aged eighteen years or over living within the area of benefit who subscribe to the objects of **Communiskate Inc.** and whose applications for membership are accepted by the Executive Committee; such members shall be called Individual Members and shall be entitled to vote at annual general meetings of **Communiskate Inc.**; and special general meetings;

3.1.2 Organizations within the area of benefit, whether voluntary or statutory, may upon application to and with the approval of the Executive Committee be admitted as Affiliated Members and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

3.1.3 Well-wishers anywhere or persons who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, have special knowledge or experience to offer to **Communiskate Inc.**; such members shall be called Associate Members and shall not have the right to vote at meetings of **Communiskate Inc.**

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3.2 Affiliated members shall each be entitled to be represented at meetings of **Communiskate Inc.** by a duly authorized representative and shall not have the right to vote at meetings of **Communiskate Inc.**.

3.3 The Executive Committee shall fix the rate of life time or annual subscription appropriate to each category of membership, shall issue membership cards and shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by **Communiskate Inc.** before a decision is made.

4.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1 Except as provided otherwise in this Constitution the policy and general management of the affairs of **Communiskate Inc.** shall be directed by the Executive Committee which shall meet not less than six times a year and shall consist of not less than five and no more than twelve members of **Communiskate Inc.** (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, various committee directors), elected at an Annual General Meeting.

4.2 Nominations from full members of **Communiskate Inc.** for members of the Executive Committee must be in person and must be accepted by the nominee and made to the Honorary Secretary of **Communiskate Inc.** at the Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned.

4.3 Should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies, election shall be by secret ballot of the members of **Communiskate Inc.** present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.

4.4 Should the number of nominations be less than the number of vacancies, further oral nominations may with the approval of the Annual General Meeting be invited from members present and voting at the said Annual General Meeting.

4.5 The Executive Committee elected at an Annual General Meeting shall have the power to co-opt further members, who shall be Associate Members or representatives of Affiliated Members and who shall serve until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting Co-opted members shall not have the right to vote.

4.6 The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & various Committee Directors who shall be the Officers of **Communiskate Inc.**, shall be full Individual Members of **Communiskate Inc.** whose term of office shall be two years, with the President and Vice President elected in odd numbered years and the Secretary and Treasurer in even numbered years. Directors shall be every two years, with half being in odd numbered years & half being in even numbered years. No more than one office may be held by a member unless approved by the

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Executive Committee. No office shall be held by any one member for more than 3 terms consecutive.

4.7 Any member of the Executive Committee who fails to abide by **Communiskate Inc.** Constitution & Bylaws shall lose her/his place on the Committee

4.8 The Trustees, if appointed, shall be notified of and shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee but shall not have the power to vote.

5.0 FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5.1 The Executive Committee may make such regulations as its members consider appropriate for the efficient conduct of the business of the Executive Committee and **Communiskate Inc.**

5.2 The Executive Committee may appoint such staff as its members consider necessary on such terms and conditions as they may determine.

5.3 The Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees, advisory groups or working parties of its own members and other persons as it may from time to time decide necessary for the carrying out of its work and may determine their terms of reference, duration and composition. All such sub-committees shall make regular reports on their work to the Executive Committee.

5.4 The proceedings of the Executive Committee shall not be invalidated by any failure to elect or any defect in the election, appointment, co-options or qualifications of any member.

6.0 CHAIRING MEETINGS

6.1 All meetings of **Communiskate Inc.** shall be presided over by its President, or in his/her absence, its Vice-President. If neither is present, those present may elect one of their numbers to take the Chair. [The Chairperson of any meeting shall have a deciding vote only in the case of a tie].

7.0 FINANCE

7.1 All monies raised by or on behalf of **Communiskate Inc.** shall be applied to further the objects of **Communiskate Inc.** and for no other purpose PROVIDED THAT nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of legitimate out-of-pocket expenses to members of **Communiskate Inc.** engaged upon the approved business of **Communiskate Inc.**

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7.2 The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of **Communiskate Inc.**

7.3 The financial year of **Communiskate Inc.** shall run from 1 September to 31 August.

7.4 The accounts shall be audited or reviewed annually by an auditor or auditors who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee given sufficient time prior to the Annual General Meeting.

7.5 An audited or reviewed statement of accounts for the last financial year shall be submitted by the Executive Committee to the Annual General Meeting.

7.6 A bank account shall be opened in the name of **Communiskate Inc.** with Plainsview Credit Union or with such other bank as the Executive Committee shall from time to time decide. The Executive Committee shall authorize in writing the Treasurer and two members of the Committee to sign cheques on behalf of **Communiskate Inc.** All cheques must be signed by not less than 2 of the 3 authorized signatories.

8.0 TRUST PROPERTY

8.1 **Communiskate Inc.** may appoint and may terminate the appointment of not less than 3 people to act as Trustees for the purpose of holding any monies or property belonging to **Communiskate Inc.** The title to all or any such real and/or personal property which may be required by or for the purposes of **Communiskate Inc.** shall be vested in the Trustees who shall hold such property in trust for **Communiskate Inc.** The Trustees shall act under the instructions of the Executive Committee who shall, subject to the approval and consent of **Communiskate Inc.** as determined by a General Meeting, have power to fill vacancies among the Trustees.

9.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9.1 An Annual General Meeting of **Communiskate Inc.** shall be held at such place and time (not being more than 15 months after the holding of the preceding Annual General Meeting) as the Executive Committee shall determine.

9.2 At such an Annual General Meeting the business shall include the following:

9.2.1 The election of members to serve on the Executive Committee;

9.2.2 The consideration of an Annual Report of the work done by or under the auspices of the Executive Committee;

9.2.3 The consideration of the audited accounts;

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9.2.4 The transaction of such other matters as may from time to time be considered necessary.

10.0 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

10.1 The Executive Committee may at any time at its discretion or upon a requisition signed by not less than 51% of the members, having the power to vote and giving reasons for the request, call a Special General Meeting of **Communiskate Inc.** for the purpose of altering the Constitution in accordance with Clause 12 hereof or of considering any matter which may be referred to them by the Executive Committee or for any other purpose.

11.0 RULES OF PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS

Voting

11.1 Subject to the provisions of Clause 12 hereof all questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote thereat. [In case of an equality of votes the President shall have a second or casting vote].

Minutes

11.2 Minute books shall be kept by the Executive Committee and all sub committees and the appropriate Secretary shall enter therein a record of all proceedings and resolutions.

Quorum

11.3 The quorum at General Meetings of **Communiskate Inc.** shall be five and at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be 51% or such other numbers as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Standing Orders

11.4 The Committee shall have power to adopt and issue Standing Orders and/or Bylaws for **Communiskate Inc.**. Such Standing Orders and/or Bylaws shall come into operation immediately PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT they shall be subject to review by the Members at the next AGM and shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution.

12.0 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

12.1 Any alterations to this Constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two thirds of the members of **Communiskate Inc.** present and voting at the Annual General Meeting or a meeting specially called for the purpose PROVIDED THAT notice of any such alteration shall have been received by the Secretary in writing not less than 21 clear days before the meeting at which the alteration is to be brought forward.

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12.2 At least 14 clear days notice in writing of the meeting setting forth the terms of the alteration to be proposed shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of **Communiskate Inc.** PROVIDED FURTHER THAT no alteration shall be made which would cause **Communiskate Inc.** to cease to be a nonprofit at law.

13.0 DISSOLUTION

13.1 If the Executive Committee by a simple majority decides at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve **Communiskate Inc.**, they shall call a meeting of full members of **Communiskate Inc.**.

13.2 If such decision shall be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at such meeting the Executive Committee shall have power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of **Communiskate Inc.**.

13.3 Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of **Communiskate Inc.** as the Executive Committee may decide.

14.0 INDEMNITY

14.1 **Communiskate Inc.** shall indemnify and keep indemnified every officer, member, volunteer and employee of **Communiskate Inc.** from and against all claims, demands, actions and proceedings (and all costs and expenses in connection therewith or arising there from) made or brought against **Communiskate Inc.** in connection with its activities, the actions of its officers, members, volunteers or employees, or in connection with its property and equipment but this indemnity shall not extend to liabilities arising from willful and individual fraud, wrongdoing or wrongful omission on the part of the officer, member, volunteer or employee sought to be made liable. The Treasurer shall affect a policy of insurance in respect of this indemnity.