



Proposed Corporate Bylaw Amendment

Article 3

Meetings of Members

Current By-law	Proposed By-law Amendment	Rationale
3.2 Annual Meetings In accordance with the <i>Public Hospitals Act</i> , the annual meeting of Members shall be held between the 1 st day of April and the 31 st day of July of each year.	3.2 Annual Meetings In accordance with the <i>Public Hospitals Act</i> , the annual meeting of Members shall be held between the 1 st day of April and the 31 st day of July of each year, <u>or such other dates as the Minister of Health may direct.</u>	<p>In response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, on May 14, 2020, Regulation 965 under the <i>Public Hospitals Act</i> was amended to authorize the Minister of Health to issue a direction with respect to the date of a hospital's annual meeting. On May 15, 2020, the Minister issued a direction that a public hospital must hold its annual meeting between April 1 and August 28, 2020.</p> <p>This direction allows hospitals to defer the annual meeting until August 28, unless their by-law provides otherwise. Upon review of the Corporate By-laws, s. 3.2 does specify that the Hospital's annual meeting must be held by July 31 each year.</p> <p>Thus, the proposed amendment permits the delay to this year's annual meeting, and is a permanent change to the By-law to allow flexibility in the event a future crisis impacts annual meeting timing.</p>