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**LETTER TO MEMBERS OF NATURE VANCOUVER FROM THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS CONCERNING THE SOCIETY'S BYLAWS**

March 7, 2018

Dear Members of Nature Vancouver

Enclosed with this letter are the proposed new bylaws for the Vancouver Natural History Society, which operates under the name Nature Vancouver. The initial reason for amending the bylaws was the need to comply with the new BC Societies Act (the Societies Act), which replaced the former BC Society Act. The Society is required to transition to the Societies Act by November 28, 2018.

The changes required to comply with the Societies Act were relatively minor but the Board of Directors decided to take the opportunity to conduct a thorough review of the existing bylaws. These 2018 bylaws being submitted for your approval and which accompany this letter are the result of that review. They were prepared by a Bylaws Committee and approved by the Board.

The Board is also recommending a change to the bylaw which governs the proportion of annual income from the VNHS Endowment Fund which is allocated to general revenue of the Society to assist with maintaining membership dues at their current level. See Bylaw 20.3.

The following is a summary of the changes.

**Changes to bylaws required to comply with the Societies Act**

- Clauses in the Society's former Constitution, other than its Purposes, have been transferred to the bylaws. The Constitution now contains just the name of the Society and its Purposes.
- References to the Act in the bylaws have been amended to comply with the Societies Act.
- Terminology in the bylaws was amended where necessary to harmonize with that used in the Societies Act.

**Additions and changes to bylaws intended to clarify procedures,  
generally using wording from the Societies Act**

**PART 3 - MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES**

- 3.2 Admission to Membership
- 3.9 Expulsion of a Member

**PART 4 - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

- 6.2 Date and Location of General Meetings. All general meetings are to be held in British Columbia
- 6.5 Provisions for Notice of Meeting by E-mail

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## PART 5 - DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- 7.3 Election of Directors
- 7.5 Qualifications Required of Directors
- 7.7 Removal of Directors
- 7.8 Resignation and Vacancies
- 8.6 Removal of Officers
- 8.7 Replacement of Officers
- 10.1 Powers of Directors
- 10.5 Use of Seal
- 10.6 Investment of Funds
- 10.7 Registered and Records Office
- 11.3 Delegation of Duties of Officers

## PART 6 - COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS

- 13.1 to 13.16 These bylaws have been reorganized

## PART 7 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REVIEW

- 14.2 Form of Financial Statements
- 14.3 Approval of Financial Statements
- 14.4 Corrections to Financial Statements
- 15.2 Term of Review Accountants
- 15.3 Vacancies of review Accountants

## PART 8 - GENERAL

- 16 Rules of Order
- 17.1 Access to Information about the Society

## PART 9 - FUNDS

- 20.3 Disbursement of the Endowment Fund
- 20.4 No Conditions on Disbursement of Fund

For ease of understanding revised or added bylaws of particular interest it is recommended that members review the new bylaws listed above. For comparison purposes the current bylaws are posted on the Nature Vancouver website at [www.naturevancouver.ca](http://www.naturevancouver.ca) . A hard copy will be provided to any member requesting a copy. To request a hard copy please contact the Membership Secretary.

On behalf of the Board

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