

## Peter-McGill Community Council Membership Policy

### Preamble

The membership policy aims to bring together members around a shared vision and to strengthen the sense of belonging to the Peter-McGill Community Council.

### Mission

The mission of the Peter-McGill Community Council is to bring together and promote collaboration between the district's residents, local business owners, workers and students, as well as the public institutions and community organizations that serve them. The Council aims to strengthen a sense of belonging to the neighbourhood amongst its members, encourage active involvement in community life and empower its membership to contribute to improving quality of life by providing opportunities for stakeholders to express their concerns and to collectively prioritise goals and actions towards change.

The diverse stakeholders of the Peter-McGill district face varied and numerous challenges. By coming together to share our concerns, identify potential solutions and facilitate action, we can be the driving force towards change. The major themes and neighbourhood issues that were identified collectively in our 2015-2018 Neighbourhood Plan were :

- Families;
- Urban development;
- Housing;
- Resources of the district.

### Values

The Peter-McGill Community Council aims to collectively determine priorities for action in a way that empowers the different stakeholders of the community to actively work together towards improving quality of life in the neighbourhood.

### Membership Eligibility

A member can be anyone or any group that adheres to the mission, vision and values of the Community Council *and* is either:

- Over 18 years of age and living in the Peter-McGill district;
- Over 18 years of age and studying in the Peter-McGill district;
- An organization, institution, business, or firm which is located in the Peter-McGill district or which engages in social, economic, educational or cultural activities in the Peter-McGill district.

## Membership Process

To become a member you must:

- Fill out and submit the membership form (above);
- Submit proof of belonging to one of the above-mentioned categories;
- For non-profit organizations only: submit a cover letter that explains why your organization would like to become a member, as well as a short summary of the services offered.
- Be approved by the Board of directors.

## Membership Fee

Free.

## Restrictions

The following people and groups cannot be members of the Council : Employees of the Community Council (including both salaried and contract workers), partisan groups.

Benefits of membership :

- Access information and improve knowledge of local issues;
- Participate in the activities organized by the Community Council;
- Strengthen connections with an active and involved network;
- Participate in the democratic life of the Community Council and the district itself;
- Vote during the General Meetings;
- Elect representatives on the Board of directors;
- Join the UMQ insurance program (non-profits only).

## Terms of Membership - All members

Adhere to the mission, vision and values of the Community Council.

## Terms of Membership – Group Members Only

- Offer services to the Peter-McGill population;
- Participate in discussions with the other members of the Community Council;
- Contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of the community as a whole.

## Withdrawal

Any member in good standing that withdraws its membership from the Council must notify the Board of Directors in writing.

## Expulsion

The Board of directors can expel any member who does not comply with the terms of this membership policy, or whose conduct is deemed prejudicial to the Community Council.

## Non-members

Anyone or any group is invited to participate in the Community Council's activities, regardless of membership. However, non-members cannot vote during General Meetings or be elected to the Board of Directors.