



By-Law

of

GREY BRUCE HEALTH SERVICES

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GREY BRUCE HEALTH SERVICES

Corporate By-Law

A by-law relating to the transaction of the activities and affairs of the Corporation

BE IT ENACTED as a by-law of the Corporation as follows:

Article 1 Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

In this by-law and in all other by-laws of the Corporation, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) “**Act**” means the *Corporations Act (Ontario)* and, where the context requires, includes the regulations made under it and any statute that may be substituted therefor, as amended from time to time;
- (b) “**Board**” means the board of directors of the Corporation;
- (c) “**Chair**” means the chair of the Board;
- (d) “**Chief Executive Officer**” means, in addition to “administrator” as defined in the *Public Hospitals Act*, the president and chief executive officer of the Corporation;
- (e) “**Chief Nursing Executive**” means the senior nurse employed by the Corporation who reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for nursing services provided in the Hospital;
- (f) “**Chief of Staff**” means the Medical Staff member appointed by the Board to serve as chief of staff;
- (g) “**Corporation**” means Grey Bruce Health Services;
- (h) “**Credentialed Staff**” means the Medical Staff, Dental Staff, Midwifery Staff and members of the Extended Class Nursing Staff who are not employees of the Corporation;
- (i) “**Credentialed Staff By-law**” means the Credentialed Staff By-law of the Corporation, as amended from time to time;
- (j) “**Credentialed Staff Rules**” means the rules made by the Board pursuant to the Credentialed Staff By-Law;
- (k) “**day**” unless otherwise specified, means a calendar day;
- (l) “**Dental Staff**” means those Dentists appointed by the Board to attend or perform dental services for Patients in the Hospital;

- (m) “**Dentist**” means a dental practitioner in good standing with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario;
- (n) “**Director**” means an individual elected or appointed to the Board;
- (o) “**Elected Director**” means a Director elected or appointed to the Board as described in section 4.1(a);
- (p) “**Elected Official**” means a person that holds an elected public office or is a candidate in an election for public office, including a member of, or candidate for, local government, the provincial legislature, the federal parliament, a school board or band council;
- (q) “*ex-officio*” means an individual appointed to the Board “by virtue of office” and includes all rights, responsibilities, and power to vote unless otherwise specified;
- (r) “*Excellent Care for All Act*” means the *Excellent Care for All Act, 2010* (Ontario) and, where the context requires, includes the regulations made under it and any statute that may be substituted therefor, as amended from time to time;
- (s) “**Extended Class Nursing Staff**” means those Registered Nurses in the Extended Class who are:
 - (i) employed by the Corporation and are authorized to diagnose, prescribe for, or treat Patients in the Hospital; and
 - (ii) not employed by the Corporation and to whom the Board has granted privileges to diagnose, prescribe for or treat Patients in the Hospital;
- (t) “**Family Member**” means the spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of any person, and the spouse of any such child, parent, brother or sister, and includes the Partner of any person;
- (u) “**Hospital**” means one or more public hospital site(s) operated by the Corporation;
- (v) “**Letters Patent**” means the letters patent of the Corporation and any supplementary letters patent;
- (w) “**Medical Staff**” means those Physicians who are appointed by the Board and who are granted privileges to practice medicine in the Hospital;
- (x) “**Members**” means the members of the Corporation as described in Article 2;
- (y) “**Midwife**” means a midwife in good standing with the College of Midwives of Ontario;

- (z) “**Midwifery Staff**” means those Midwives who are appointed by the Board and who are granted privileges to practice midwifery in the Hospital;
- (aa) “**Officers**” means the individuals who hold the offices enumerated in Article 9;
- (bb) “**Partner**” means one of two persons who have lived together for at least one year and have a close personal relationship that is of primary importance in both persons’ lives;
- (cc) “**Patient**” means any in-patient or out-patient of the Hospital;
- (dd) “**Physician**” means a medical practitioner in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario;
- (ee) “**Public Hospitals Act**” means the *Public Hospitals Act* (Ontario) and, where the context requires, includes the regulations made under it and any statute that may be substituted therefor, as amended from time to time;
- (ff) “**Registered Nurse in the Extended Class**” means a member of the College of Nurses of Ontario, who is a registered nurse and holds an extended certificate of registration under the *Nursing Act, 1991*;
- (gg) “**Rules**” means the rules adopted by the Board in accordance with section 14.2;
- (hh) “**Secretary**” means the individual appointed under section 10.3; and
- (ii) “**Vice Chair(s)**” means one or more vice chair(s) of the Board.

1.2 Interpretation

In this by-law and in all other by-laws of the Corporation, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa; references to persons shall include individuals and entities; words importing one gender shall include all genders; and headings are used for convenience of reference and do not affect the interpretation of the by-law.

1.3 Repeal and Replacement of By-Laws

All previous corporate by-laws of the Corporation are revoked and replaced with this by-law.

Article 2 Members

2.1 Members

The Members shall consist of the Elected Directors from time to time, who shall be *ex-officio* Members for so long as they serve as Directors. Membership is not transferrable and ceases upon the Member ceasing to be a Director. No fees shall be payable by the Members.

Article 3 Members' Meetings

3.1 Location

Members' meetings shall be held at the registered office of the Corporation or at any place in Ontario as the Board may determine.

3.2 Annual Meetings

In accordance with the *Public Hospitals Act*, the annual Members' meeting shall be held between April 1 and July 31 of each year, or such other dates as the Minister of Health may direct.

3.3 Calling Meetings

The Board or Chair shall have the power to call, at any time, an annual or general Members' meeting. When calling an annual or general Members' meeting, the Board or Chair may provide for attendance by Members by telephonic or electronic means (as defined in the Act). The notice of a Members' meeting at which special business is to be transacted must state the nature of that business in sufficient detail to permit a Member to form a reasoned judgment on the business and state the text of any special resolution to be submitted to the meeting.

3.4 Quorum

A majority of the Members in attendance at a meeting shall constitute a quorum at any Members' meeting.

3.5 Notice

Notice of Members' meetings shall be given by one of the following methods:

- (a) by sending it to each Member by one of the methods set out in section 15.1 addressed to the Member at their latest address as shown in the Corporation's records at least ten days prior to the meeting;
- (b) in any other manner permitted by the *Public Hospitals Act*.

3.6 Votes

- (a) Each Member in attendance at a meeting (either in person or otherwise) shall have the right to exercise one vote.
- (b) At all Members' meetings, every question shall be determined by a majority of votes (by show of hands or by a voice vote) unless otherwise specifically provided by statute or by this by-law.
- (c) Votes at all Members' meetings shall be cast by those Members in attendance at the meeting and not by proxy.
- (d) If there is a tie vote, the chair of the meeting shall not have a second vote to break the tie.
- (e) At any Members' meeting, unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chair of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.
- (f) A Member may demand a poll either before or after any vote by show of hands. If a Member demands a poll on the election of a chair of the meeting or on the question of adjournment, the poll shall be taken immediately. If a Member demands a poll on any other question, the vote shall be taken by poll in the manner and at the time that the chair of the meeting directs. The result of a poll shall be the resolution of the meeting. A Member may withdraw a demand for a poll.

3.7 Chair of the Meeting

The chair of a Members' meeting shall be:

- (a) the Chair; or
- (b) a Vice Chair, if the Chair is absent or is unable to act; or
- (c) a chair elected by the Members if the Chair and Vice Chair(s) are absent or unable to act. The Secretary shall preside at the election of the chair of the meeting but if the Secretary is not present, the Directors shall choose a Director to preside at the election.

3.8 Adjourned Meetings of Members

If within one half hour after the time appointed for a Members' meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned until a day to be determined by the Board.

3.9 Notice of Adjourned Meetings

Not less than two days' notice of a rescheduled meeting following an adjournment shall be given in the manner as the Board may determine; provided that in calculating the notice period Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays shall be excluded.

3.10 Written Resolution in Lieu of Meeting

Except as provided in the Act, a resolution signed by all of the Members entitled to vote on that resolution at a Members' meeting is valid as if it had been passed at a Members' meeting.

Article 4 Board

4.1 Composition of Board

The Board shall consist of:

- (a) Twelve Directors who satisfy the criteria set out in section 4.3 and who are elected by the Members in accordance with section 4.7 or appointed in accordance with section 4.9; and
- (b) the following *ex-officio* non-voting Directors:
 - (i) Chief Executive Officer;
 - (ii) Chief of Staff;
 - (iii) President of the rural Credentialed Staff;
 - (iv) President of the urban Credentialed Staff; and
 - (v) Chief Nursing Executive.

4.2 Duties and Responsibilities

The Board shall govern and oversee the management of the affairs of the Corporation and may exercise all other powers and do all other acts and things as the Corporation is, by its Letters Patent or otherwise, authorized to exercise and do.

4.3 Qualifications of Directors

No individual shall be qualified to serve as a Director if the individual:

- (a) is less than 18 years old;

- (b) has been found under the *Substitute Decisions Act, 1992* or under the *Mental Health Act* to be incapable of managing property, or has been found to be incapable by any court in Canada or elsewhere;
- (c) has the status of bankrupt;
- (d) subject to section 4.1(b), is a current employee or contractor of the Corporation, unless the Board otherwise determines;
- (e) subject to section 4.1(b), is a current Credentialed Staff member, unless the Board otherwise determines;
- (f) has been within the preceding five year period a Credentialed Staff member or an employee or contractor of the Corporation, unless the Board otherwise determines;
- (g) is a Family Member of a Director, a Credentialed Staff member or an employee or contractor of the Corporation, unless the Board otherwise determines;
- (h) does not have their principal residence or carry on business within the area served by the Corporation as established by the Board from time to time; and
- (i) is an Elected Official or is a candidate in an election to become an Elected Official.

4.4 Vacation of Office

- (a) The office of a Director shall automatically be vacated if the Director:
 - (i) dies;
 - (ii) resigns office by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary, and the resignation shall be effective at the time it is received by the Secretary or at the time specified in the resignation, whichever is later; or
 - (iii) becomes a person referred to in section 4.3(b) through (h).
- (b) Where there is a vacancy in the Board, the remaining Directors may exercise all the powers of the Board so long as a quorum remains.

4.5 Removal

- (a) In accordance with the Act, the Members may by simple majority vote to remove any Elected Director before the expiry of the Director's term of office, and may elect any qualified individual as a Director to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacated term.

- (b) The Board may by simple majority vote to remove any Elected Director before the expiry of the Director's term of office, and may elect any qualified individual as a Director to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacated term if:
 - (i) a Director, without being granted a leave of absence by the Board, is absent for three consecutive Board meetings, or if a Director is absent for one quarter of the Board meetings in any twelve (12) month period; or
 - (ii) a Director fails to comply with the *Public Hospitals Act*, the Act, the Letters Patent, by-laws, Rules, and Board policies and procedures, including without limitation, confidentiality and conflict of interest requirements.

4.6 Election and Term

The Elected Directors shall be elected for a term of one year; provided that each Elected Director shall hold office until the earlier of the date on which their office is vacated under sections 4.4 or 4.5 or until the end of the meeting at which their successor is elected or appointed.

4.7 Nomination Procedure for Election of Directors

Nominations made for the election of Directors at a Members' meeting may be made only by the Board in accordance with the nominating and election procedure prescribed by the Board from time to time. For greater certainty, no nominations shall be accepted by the Members that are not submitted and approved by the Board in accordance with the Board-approved process. The decision of the Board as to whether or not a candidate is qualified to stand for election shall be final.

4.8 Maximum Terms

Each Elected Director shall be eligible for re-election; provided that the Director shall not be elected for a term that will result in the Director serving more than nine consecutive years. The Director may also be eligible for re-election for another term or terms (to a maximum of nine consecutive years) if at least one year has elapsed since the termination of their last term. In determining a Director's length of service as a Director, service before the coming into force of this by-law shall be included. Despite the foregoing:

- (a) a Director may, by Board resolution, have their maximum term as a Director extended for the sole purpose of that Director succeeding to the office of Chair or serving as Chair; and
- (b) where a Director was appointed to fill an unexpired term of a Director, the partial unexpired term filled by the Director shall be excluded from the calculation of the maximum years of service.

4.9 Filling Vacancies

So long as there is a quorum of Directors in office, any vacancy occurring in the Board may be filled by a qualified person appointed for the remainder of the term by the Directors then in office. In the absence of a quorum of the Board, or if the vacancy has arisen from a failure of the Members to elect the number of Directors required to be elected at any Members' meeting, the Board shall forthwith call a Members' meeting to fill the vacancy. A Director so appointed or elected shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the vacated term.

4.10 Directors Remuneration

The Directors shall serve as such without remuneration and shall not, directly or indirectly, receive any profit from their position as such; provided that a Director may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred by the Director in the performance of their duties.

Article 5 Board Meetings

5.1 Board Meetings

The Board shall meet at such times and in such places as may be determined by the Board, the Chair, a Vice Chair, or the Chief Executive Officer. Special Board meetings may be called by the Chair, a Vice Chair, or the Chief Executive Officer, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of the written request of four Directors.

5.2 Regular Meetings

The Board may appoint one or more days for regular Board meetings at a place and time named. A copy of any Board resolution fixing the place and time of regular Board meetings shall be given to each Director forthwith after being passed and no other notice shall be required for any regular meeting.

5.3 Telephone Meetings

If all the Directors present at or participating in the meeting consent a Board meeting or a Board committee meeting may be held by such telephone, electronic, or other communication facilities that permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and a Director or an individual appointed to a Board committee participating in the meeting by those means is deemed to be present at the meeting.

5.4 Notices

Notice of Board meetings, other than regular meetings, shall be given to all Directors by sending it to each Director by one of the methods set out in section 15.1 addressed to the Directors at their most recent addresses as shown on the Corporation's records, if faxed or emailed at least 48 hours before the meeting and if mailed at least three days before the meeting. The Chair, a Vice-Chair, or the Chief Executive Officer may call a meeting on less notice, by such means as are deemed appropriate; provided that notice is given to all Directors and the majority of the

Directors consent to the holding of the meeting. In calculating the notice period, Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays shall be excluded.

5.5 Quorum

A majority of the voting Directors shall constitute a quorum.

5.6 First Meeting of New Board

If a quorum of Directors is present, each newly elected Board may, without notice, hold its first meeting immediately following the Members' meeting at which the Board is elected.

5.7 Persons Entitled to be Present

Guests may attend Board meetings with the consent of the meeting on the invitation of the Chair or the Chief Executive Officer. The Board may adopt a policy from time to time on the attendance of the public at Board meetings.

5.8 Voting

Each voting Director present at a Board meeting shall be entitled to one vote on each matter. A Director shall not be entitled to vote by proxy. Every question arising at a Board meeting or a Board committee meeting, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

5.9 Casting Vote

If there is a tie vote at a Board meeting, the Chair shall not have a second vote to break the tie.

5.10 Polls

The vote on any question shall be taken by secret ballot if so demanded by any Director present and entitled to vote. Such ballots shall be counted by the chair of the meeting. Otherwise a vote shall be taken by show of hands. The result of a poll shall be the resolution of the meeting. A Director may withdraw a demand for a poll.

5.11 Written Resolutions in Lieu of Meeting

A resolution, signed by all of the Directors entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the Board or a Board committee, is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board or of a Board committee.

5.12 Adjournment of the Meeting

If within one half hour after the time appointed for a Board meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned until a day within two weeks to be determined by the chair of the meeting.

5.13 Notice of Adjourned Meeting

At least 24 hours' notice of a rescheduled meeting following an adjournment by an appropriate means shall be given to each Director; provided that in calculating the 24 hour notice period Saturday, Sundays, and statutory holidays shall be excluded.

Article 6 Conflict of Interest

6.1 Conflict of Interest

- (a) Any Director, who is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the Corporation shall disclose in writing or have entered in the minutes, the nature and extent of such Director's interest in such contract or proposed contract.
- (b) The disclosure required by section 6.1(a) shall be made:
 - (i) at the meeting at which a proposed contract is first considered if the Director is present, and otherwise, at the first meeting after the Director becomes aware of the contract or proposed contract;
 - (ii) if the Director was not then interested in a proposed contract, at the first meeting after such Director becomes so interested; or
 - (iii) if the Director becomes interested after a contract is made, at the first meeting held after the Director becomes so interested.
- (c) A Director referred to in section 6.1(a) is not liable to account for any profit made on the contract by the Director or by a corporate entity, business firm, or organization in which the Director has a material interest, provided:
 - (i) the Director disclosed the Director's interest in accordance with section (a) or (e); and
 - (ii) the Director has not voted on the contract.
- (d) A Director referred to in section 6.1(a) shall not vote on any resolution to approve the contract and shall not take part in the discussion or consideration of, or in any way attempt to influence the voting on, any question with respect thereto, and shall exit the meeting when the applicable issue is under consideration.
- (e) For the purposes of this section 6.1, a general notice to the Board by a Director declaring that the person is a director or officer of or has a material interest in a body corporate, business firm, or organization and is to be regarded as interested in any contract made therewith, is a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract so made.

- (f) The provisions of this Article are in addition to any conflict of interest policy adopted by the Board from time to time.

Article 7
Protection of Officers and Directors

7.1 Directors Liability

No Director or Officer shall be liable for any act, receipt, neglect, or default of any other Director, Officer, or employee, or for any loss, damage, or expense happening to the Corporation through any deficiency of title to any property acquired by the Corporation, or for any deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of the Corporation shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency, or tortious act of any person, including any person with whom any moneys, securities, or effects shall be deposited, or for any loss, conversion, misappropriation of, or any damage resulting from, any dealings with any moneys, securities, or other assets belonging to the Corporation, or for any other loss, damage, or misfortune that may happen in the execution of the duties of the Director's or Officer's respective office, unless the occurrence is as a result of the Director's or Officer's own wilful neglect or default.

7.2 Indemnities to Directors and Others

- (a) Every Director or Officer and their heirs, executors, administrators, and estates and effects, respectively, shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Corporation from and against:
 - (i) all costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever, which the Director or Officer sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit, or proceeding, which is brought, commenced, or prosecuted against them, for or in respect of any act, deed, matter, or thing whatsoever, made, done, or permitted by them, in or about the execution of the duties of their office; and
 - (ii) all other costs, charges, and expenses, which they sustain or incur in or about or in relation to the affairs of the Corporation,
 - (iii) except the costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by their own wilful neglect or default.
- (b) The indemnity provided for in the preceding paragraph:
 - (i) shall not apply to any liability that a Director or Officer may sustain or incur as the result of any act or omission as a Credentialed Staff member; and
 - (ii) shall apply only if the Director or Officer acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation, and in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforceable by a

monetary penalty, had reasonable grounds for believing that their conduct was lawful.

Article 8 Board Committees

8.1 Committees

The Board may establish committees from time to time. The Board shall determine the duties of the Board committees. The Board committees shall be:

- (a) standing committees, being those committees whose duties are normally continuous; and
- (b) special committees, being those committees appointed for specific duties whose mandate shall expire with the completion of the tasks assigned.

8.2 Functions, Duties, Responsibilities and Powers of Board Committees

The functions, duties, responsibilities, and powers of the Board committees shall be provided in the Board resolution by which a Board committee is established or in terms of reference adopted by the Board.

8.3 Board Committee Appointments, Chair

Unless otherwise provided by by-law or Board resolution, the Board shall appoint the chair, the vice-chair (if any), and the individuals for appointment to each Board committee. Each chair of a Board committee shall be a Director. The individuals appointed and the chair and vice-chair of each Board committee shall hold their office at the will of the Board. The Board committees may include individuals who are not Directors (other than an Executive Committee, if any); provided that the number of non-Directors shall not exceed the number of Directors on a Board Committee.

Unless otherwise provided, the Chair and Chief Executive Officer shall be automatically appointed to all Board committees on an *ex-officio* basis.

8.4 Procedures at Board Committee Meetings

Procedures at and quorum for Board committee meetings shall be determined by the chair of each committee, unless established by Board resolution or by Board-approved general committee regulations.

8.5 Executive Committee

The Board may, but shall not be required to, establish an Executive Committee consisting of not fewer than three Elected Directors and may delegate to the Executive Committee any powers of the Board, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the Board. The Executive

Committee shall fix its quorum at not less than a majority of the Directors appointed to the committee. The Board may remove any Director appointed to the Executive Committee.

Article 9 Officers

9.1 Officers

The Officers shall include the Chair, one or more Vice Chair(s), the Chief Executive Officer, and Secretary, and may include such other Officers as the Board may determine. The Board shall appoint the Officers at its first meeting following the annual meeting of Members at which the Elected Directors are elected or at such other times when a vacancy occurs. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Secretary unless the Board otherwise determines. A person may hold more than one office. The Chair and Vice Chair(s) shall be appointed by the Board from among the Elected Directors. The Chair shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Members and the Board.

9.2 Terms of Office

Unless otherwise provided in this by-law, the Officers shall hold office for a one-year renewable term from the date of appointment or until their successors are appointed in their stead. Officers shall be subject to removal by the Board at any time. The Chair and Vice Chairs shall be eligible for re-appointment; provided that they shall each have a limit of two consecutive terms and may be eligible for re-appointment for another term or terms (to a maximum of two consecutive years) if at least one year has elapsed since the termination of their last term.

Article 10 Duties of Officers

10.1 Chair

The Chair shall, when present, preside at all Board and Members' meetings and shall represent the Corporation and the Board as may be required or appropriate and shall have such other duties as the Board may specify.

10.2 Vice Chair(s)

A Vice Chair shall, in the absence or disability of the Chair, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair and shall perform such other duties as the Board may specify. Where two or more Vice Chairs are elected they shall be designated First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and so on. The Chair, or failing the Chair, the Board, shall designate which of the Vice Chairs shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence.

10.3 Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer shall be a Director, the President of the Corporation, and the administrator of the Hospital for the purposes of the *Public Hospitals Act*. Subject to the

authority of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for the administration, organization, and management of the affairs of the Corporation.

10.4 Secretary

The Secretary shall carry out the duties of the secretary of the Corporation generally and shall attend or cause a recording secretary to attend all meetings of the Members, Board, and Board Committees to act as a clerk thereof and to record all votes and minutes of all proceedings in the books to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Members, the Board, and the Board Committees, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the by-laws or the Board.

10.5 Other Officers

The powers and duties of all other Officers shall be such as the Board may from time to time determine. Any of the powers and duties of an Officer to whom an assistant has been appointed may be exercised and performed by such an assistant, unless the Board otherwise directs.

Article 11 Organization and Financial

11.1 Seal

Until changed in accordance with the Act, the seal of the Corporation may be in the form determined by the Board from time to time.

11.2 Execution of Documents

- (a) The Chair or a Vice Chair together with the Chief Executive Officer or a Director shall sign any deeds, transfers, assignments, contracts, mortgages, conveyances, obligations, certificates, or any other instruments or documents requiring the signature of the Corporation, and all instruments or documents so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality.
- (b) In addition, the Board may from time to time direct the manner in which and the person or persons by whom any particular document or class of documents may or shall be signed. Any signing officer may affix the seal of the Corporation to any document, and may certify a copy of any resolution, by-law, or other document of the Corporation to be a true copy.

11.3 Banking Arrangements

The banking business of the Corporation or any part of it shall be transacted with such banks, trust companies or other financial institutions as the Board may determine from time to time.

11.4 Financial Year

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, and subject to the *Public Hospitals Act*, the financial year end of the Corporation shall be March 31 in each year.

11.5 Appointment of Auditor

The Members shall, at each annual meeting, appoint auditors to audit the accounts of the Corporation and to report to the Members at the next annual meeting. The auditor shall not be a Director, an Officer, or an employee of the Corporation, or a partner or employee of any such person and shall be duly licensed under the *Public Accounting Act, 2004* (Ontario). The auditor shall hold office until the next annual meeting; provided that the Board may fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor. The Board shall fix the remuneration of the auditor.

11.6 Borrowing Power

Subject to the Letters Patent, the Board may, from time to time, on behalf of the Corporation, without authorization of the Members:

- (a) borrow money on the credit of the Corporation;
- (b) issue, sell, or pledge securities (including bonds, debentures, notes or other similar obligations, secured or unsecured) of the Corporation; or
- (c) charge, mortgage, hypothecate, or pledge all or any of the real or personal property of the Corporation, including book debts and unpaid calls, rights and powers, franchises and undertakings, to secure any securities or for any money borrowed, or other debt, or any other obligation or liability of the Corporation.

11.7 Investments

Subject to the Letters Patent, the Board is authorized to make or receive any investments that the Board in its discretion considers advisable.

Article 12 Books and Records

12.1 Books and Records

The Board shall see that all necessary books and records of the Corporation required by this by-law or by any applicable statute or law are regularly and properly kept.

Article 13 Confidentiality

13.1 Confidentiality

Every Director, Officer, individual appointed to a Board committee, Credentialed Staff member, employee, and agent of the Corporation shall respect the confidentiality of matters brought

before the Board, brought before any Board committee, or dealt with in the course of the employee's employment or agent's activities, or dealt with in the course of the Credentialed Staff member's activities, in connection with the Corporation, keeping in mind that unauthorized statements could adversely affect the interests of the Corporation.

13.2 Board Spokesperson

The Board may designate authority to one or more Directors, Officers, or employees of the Corporation to make statements to the news media or public about matters brought before the Board.

Article 14 Rules and Procedures

14.1 Rules of Order

Any questions of procedure at or for any meetings of Members, of the Board, of the Credentialed Staff, or of any Board committee, which have not been provided for in this by-law or by the Act, the *Public Hospitals Act*, the Rules, or the Credentialed Staff Rules, shall be determined by the chair of the meeting in accordance with the rules of procedure adopted by the Board, or failing such adoption, adopted by the chair of the meeting.

14.2 Rules

The Board may, from time to time, make such Rules as it may deem necessary or desirable in connection with the management of the affairs of the Board and the conduct of the Directors and Officers; provided, however, that any Rule shall be consistent with the provisions of this by-law.

Article 15 Notices

15.1 Notice

- (a) Whenever under the provisions of this by-law notice is required to be given, unless otherwise provided, the notice may be given in writing and delivered or sent by prepaid mail, by facsimile transmission, or by e-mail, addressed to the Director, Officer, individual appointed to a Board committee, Member, or auditor at the postal address, facsimile number, or e-mail address, as the case may be, as the same appears on the books of the Corporation.
- (b) If any notice is sent by prepaid mail, it shall, subject to the following paragraph, conclusively be deemed to have been received on the third business day following its mailing. If delivered, a notice shall conclusively be deemed to have been received at the time of delivery, or if sent by facsimile transmission or e-mail, it shall conclusively be deemed to be received on the next business day after transmission.

- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions with respect to mailing, if it may reasonably be anticipated that, due to any strike, lock out, or similar event involving an interruption in postal service, any notice will not be received by the addressee by no later than the third business day following its mailing, then the mailing of the notice shall not be an effective means of sending it but rather any notice must then be sent by an alternative method that may reasonably be anticipated will cause the notice to be received reasonably expeditiously by the addressee.

15.2 Computation of Time

In computing the date when notice must be given under any provision of this by-law requiring a specified number of days' notice of any meeting or other event, the date of giving the notice shall be excluded and the date of the meeting or other event shall be included.

15.3 Omissions and Errors

The accidental omission to give any notice to any Member, Director, Officer, individual appointed to a Board committee, or the auditor of the Corporation, or the non-receipt of any notice by any Member, Director, Officer, individual appointed to a Board committee, or the auditor of the Corporation, or any error in any notice not affecting the substance of it, shall not invalidate any action taken at any meeting held pursuant to the notice or otherwise founded on it.

15.4 Waiver of Notice

Any Member, Director, Officer, individual appointed to a Board committee, or the auditor of the Corporation may waive any notice required to be given to them under any provision of the Act, the *Public Hospitals Act*, the Letters Patent, or this by-law, either before or after the meeting to which it refers, and the waiver, whether given before or after the meeting or other event of which notice is required to be given, shall cure any default in giving the notice. Attendance and participation at a meeting constitutes waiver of notice.

Article 16

Matters Required by the Public Hospitals Act and Excellent Care for All Act

16.1 Credentialed Staff

There shall be a Credentialed Staff of the Hospital whose appointment and functions shall be as set out in the Credentialed Staff By-law of the Corporation.

16.2 Required Committees and Programs

The Board shall ensure that the Corporation establishes such committees and undertakes such programs as are required under the *Public Hospitals Act* and *Excellent Care for All Act*, including a medical advisory committee, a quality committee, and a fiscal advisory committee.

16.3 Fiscal Advisory Committee

The Chief Executive Officer shall appoint the individuals who will serve on the fiscal advisory committee required to be established pursuant to the regulations under the *Public Hospitals Act*.

16.4 Chief Nursing Executive

The Chief Executive Officer shall ensure there are appropriate procedures in place for the appointment of the Chief Nursing Executive.

16.5 Nurses and other Staff and Professionals on Committees

The Chief Executive Officer shall from time to time approve a process for the participation of the Chief Nursing Executive, nurse managers, and staff nurses, staff, and other professionals of the Corporation in decision making related to administrative, financial, operational, and planning matters, and for the election or appointment of the Chief Nursing Executive, staff nurses or nurse managers, and other staff and professionals of the Corporation to those administrative committees approved by the Chief Executive Officer to have a nurse, staff, or professional representation.

16.6 Retention of Written Statements

The Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be retained for at least 25 years, all written statements made in respect of the destruction of medical records, notes, charts, and other material relating to patient care and photographs thereof.

16.7 Occupational Health and Safety Program

- (a) Pursuant to the regulations under the *Public Hospitals Act*, there shall be an Occupational Health and Safety Program for the Corporation, which shall include procedures with respect to: (i) a safe and healthy work environment; (ii) the safe use of substances, equipment, and medical devices; (iii) safe and healthy work practices; (iv) the prevention of accidents to persons on the premises; and (v) the elimination of undue risks and the minimizing of hazards inherent in the Corporation environment.
- (b) The person designated by the Chief Executive Officer to be in charge of occupational health and safety in the Corporation shall be responsible to the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate for the implementation of the Occupational Health and Safety Program. The Chief Executive Officer shall report to the Board as necessary on matters in respect of the Occupational Health and Safety Program.

16.8 Health Surveillance Program

- (a) Pursuant to the regulations under the *Public Hospitals Act*, there shall be a Health Surveillance Program for the Corporation, which shall: (i) be in respect of all

persons carrying on activities in the Corporation; and (ii) include a communicable disease surveillance program.

- (b) The person designated by the Chief Executive Officer to be in charge of health surveillance in the Corporation shall be responsible to the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate for the implementation of the Health Surveillance Program. The Chief Executive Officer shall report to the Board as necessary on matters in respect of the Health Surveillance Program.

16.9 Organ Donation

Pursuant to the regulations under the *Public Hospitals Act*, the Board shall approve procedures to encourage the donation of organs and tissues including: (a) procedures to identify potential donors; and (b) procedures to make potential donors and their families aware of the options of organ and tissue donations, and shall ensure that such procedures are implemented in the Corporation.

Article 17 Amendment of By-Laws

17.1 Amendment

Subject to applicable legislation, this by-law may be repealed or amended by by-law enacted by a Board resolution and sanctioned by at least a majority of the Members voting at a meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the by-law.

17.2 Effect of Amendment

Subject to the Act and to section 17.3, a by-law or an amendment to a by-law passed by the Board has full force and effect from the time the motion was passed or from such future time as may be specified in the motion.

17.3 Member Approval

A by-law or an amendment to a by-law passed by the Board shall be presented for confirmation at the next annual meeting or to a general Members' meeting called for that purpose. The notice of the annual or general meeting shall refer to the by-law or amendment to be presented. The Members may confirm the by-law as presented or reject or amend it and, if rejected, it thereupon ceases to have effect and, if amended, it takes effect as amended. In any case of rejection, amendment, or refusal to approve the by-law or part of the by-law in force and effect in accordance with this section, no act done or right acquired under any by-law is prejudicially affected by any rejection, amendment, or refusal to approve.