

Bow Valley Agricultural Society Bylaws



BYLAWS OF THE BOW VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I - PREAMBLE

1.1 The name of the Society shall be the “**BOW VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**” (hereinafter called the “**Society**” or referred to as “**BVAS.**”)

1.2 The BVAS is a registered Society, incorporated under the Agricultural Societies Act in the Province of Alberta and a registered Charity under the Charities Act in Canada.

1.3 This document sets forth the Bylaws of BVAS.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 Definitions

In these Bylaws, the following words have the following meanings:

- a. “Act” means the Agricultural Societies Act of Alberta 2000, RSA Chapter A-11, as amended from time to time;
- b. “Annual General Meeting” also referred to as the “AGM” means the meeting of the Society held annually to deal with matters of business described in Bylaw 9.1;
- c. “Board” means the Board of Directors of this Society.
- d. “Bylaws” means the Bylaws of the Society as amended from time to time;
- e. “Director” means any person elected or appointed to the Board.
- f. “Mail” refers to hardcopy mail through postal services, email, or similar electronic communications.
- g. “Member” means a Member of the Society as defined by Article V.
- h. “Registered Office” means the registered address and office for the Society. (225155A Range Road 281A, Indus, Alberta, T1X 0H7)
- i. “Register of Members” means the register maintained by the Board of Directors containing the names of the Members of the Society.
- j. “Special Resolution” is a resolution passed at a Special Meeting of the Membership. There must be thirty (30) days notice for this meeting. The notice must state that proposed Resolution. There must be approval by a vote of 75% of the voting Members who vote in person; (meeting quorum numbers apply)
- k. “Society” means the BVAS.
- l. “Special Meeting” means a meeting of the Members of the Society convened to address a specific matter of interest and importance to the Society.

2.2 Interpretation

The following rules of interpretation must be applied in interpreting these Bylaws.

- a. Singular and Plural: words indicating the singular number also include the plural, and vice-versa.
- b. Words pertaining to gender shall include both genders.
- c. Corporation: words indicating persons also include corporations.
- d. Headings are for convenience only. They do not affect the interpretation of these Bylaws.
- e. Liberal Interpretation: these Bylaws must be interpreted broadly and generously.

ARTICLE III - OBJECT

3.1 The Object of the Society is to encourage improvement in agriculture and in the quality of life of persons living in the agricultural community served by the Society by developing programs, services and facilities based on the needs of the community.

ARTICLE IV - BYLAWS

4.1 At an AGM or a Special Meeting called for that purpose, the Members of the Society may make, alter and repeal Bylaws for the general management of the Society.

4.2 A copy of the Bylaws shall be filed with the Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Canada Revenue Agency and the Alberta Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis agency. Any changes shall be forwarded immediately upon resolution of same. The amended bylaws take effect when accepted and returned stamped by the Corporate Registry of Alberta.

4.3 Subject to the Bylaws of the Society, the Directors shall act for and on behalf of the Society and all grants and other funds of the Society shall be received and expended under their direction.

4.4 In the event the Bylaws do not adequately cover any situation or item of concern to the Board of Directors or Members, reference shall be made to the Act which shall be the supreme authority whereby the actions and activities of the Society are managed and controlled.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Any individual may become a Member in the appropriate category by meeting the requirements listed below. The individual will be entered as a Member under the appropriate category in the Register of Members.

5.1.2 Membership fees of the Society should be paid on or before the Annual General meeting, Memberships purchased will provide the purchaser and their family members over the age of 18, whom reside in the same household, a vote.

5.1.3 A Member shall, at the time of payment of the Membership fee, give the Treasurer their mailing address, or alternative contact information, to which all notices will be sent.

5.1.4 Membership year end is August 31.

5.1.5 A Member shall be considered in good standing if dues for the current year are paid, except as provided for in clauses 5.1.6 and 5.1.7.

5.1.6 A Member ceases to be a Member upon written resignation or by default of payment of dues.

5.1.7 A Member may be expelled from the Society in accordance with guidelines established by the Board from time to time, at a Special Meeting to consider expulsion. Notice of the Special Meeting shall be provided by the Secretary in accordance with these Bylaws.

5.1.8 Although a Member ceases to be a Member, by death, resignation or otherwise, he is liable for any debts owing to the Society at the date of ceasing to be a Member.

5.1.9 No Member is, in his individual capacity, liable for any debt or liability of the Society except in cases of fraud, neglect of duty and intentional or wilful mismanagement.

5.1.10 Members may bring guests to a meeting of the Society under such rules and regulations as the Board may from time to time prescribe. Guests may speak with permission at the meeting but shall not make motions or have voting privileges.

5.2 Classification of Members

5.2.1 Full or Voting Member

- a. Membership is open to any Alberta resident, eighteen years of age and older who is:
 - i. Interested and agrees with the Objects of the Society.
 - ii. Are able to assist in furthering the Objectives of the Society.
 - iii. Meet the terms and conditions set by the Board and ratified by the Society.
- b. Payment of Membership dues as prescribed in these Bylaws entitles the Voting Member to the privileges and responsibilities of Membership including, but not limited to, voting at AGM and Special Meetings of the Membership.
- c. May be eligible to stand for any of the Board Executive positions.
- d. A Board cannot vote to accept or decline Membership applications.

5.2.2 Associate Member - Non-Voting

Associate Members:

- a. Shall not be entitled to vote.
- b. May be appointed to Committees of the Board,
- c. Shall be entitled to notice of and may speak at meetings of the Society.
- d. Shall be required to pay Membership fees in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.
- e. Shall not be eligible to stand for any of the Director or Executive positions.
- f. Associate Members include:
 - i. Employees of BVAS.
 - ii. Businesses leasing from BVAS.
 - iii. Appointed Liaisons from the Rocky View County or Province of Alberta.
 - iv. Appointed Liaisons from associated organizations, or political group.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 The management of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of a President, a Vice-President and no fewer than 10 other Members and no more than 15 Members.

6.2 Each Director shall be elected for a term of two years, except where the Director is appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation, expulsion or death of a previous Director. In this case the Director shall be in place until the next AGM.

6.3 The Board governs and manages the affairs of the Society.

6.4 The Board may hire paid administrators/managers to carry out management functions under the direction and supervision of the Board.

6.5 The Board has the powers of the Society, except as stated in the Act. The powers and duties of the Board include:

- a. Promoting the Objects of the Society;
- b. Promoting Membership in the Society;
- c. Maintaining and protecting the Society's assets and property;
- d. Approving an annual budget for the Society;
- e. Paying all expenses for operating and managing the Society;
- f. Paying persons for services and protecting persons from debts of the Society;
- g. Investing any extra funds that are not immediately required, in accordance with the Trustee Act;

- h. Financing the operations of the Society, and borrowing or raising monies;
- i. Making policies for managing and operating the Society;
- j. Approving all contracts for the Society;
- k. Maintaining all accounts and financial records of the Society;
- l. Appointing legal counsel as necessary;
- m. Making policies, rules and regulations for operating the Society and using its facilities and assets;
- n. Working within Provincial and Societal regulations, to sell, dispose of, or mortgage any or all of the property of the Society;
- o. Shall serve on a voluntary basis without remuneration by the Society for their Directorship; and
- p. Appoint Committees, as required, to meet the Objects of the Society.

6.6 Any director upon a 75% majority vote of all members in good standing at a special meeting of the membership, may be removed from office for any cause which the society may deem reasonable.

A Director who has been recommended for suspension shall be give notice at least two weeks prior to a Board of Directors meeting, at which time the said member shall have the opportunity to be heard or to submit a statement in writing. At this point a special meeting with said resolution will be posted to the membership.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 The Executive of the Society shall consist of a President, two (2) Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee provides leadership to the Society. They will act on pressing, emergent or confidential matters and shall ensure that matters of importance are dealt with by the Board and its Committees in accordance with these Bylaws.

7.2 Duties of the Executive Committee

7.2.1 The President:

- a. Supervises the affairs of the Board,
- b. When present, presides over all Meetings of the Society, the Board and the Executive Committee;
- c. Is an ex officio Member of all Committees;
- d. Acts as the spokesperson for the Society;
- e. Presides over the Executive Committee; and
- f. Carries out other duties assigned by the Board.

7.2.2 The Vice Presidents:

- a. Preside at Meetings in the President's absence. If the Vice-President is absent, the other Vice president presides, if both are absent the Directors elect a Chairperson for the meeting.
- b. Replace the President at various functions when asked to do so by the President or the Board;
- c. Is a Member of the Executive Committee; and
- d. Carries out other duties assigned by the Board.

7.2.3 The Secretary:

- a. Attends all Meetings of the Society, the Board and the Executive Committee,
- b. Ensures that accurate minutes of these Meetings are kept and available;
- c. Has charge of the Board's correspondence;
- d. Ensures a record of names and addresses of all Members of the Society is kept;
- e. Ensures all notices of various Meetings are sent;
- f. Ensures annual fees are collected and deposited;
- g. Keeps the Seal of the Society;

- h. Is a Member of the Executive Committee;
- i. In conjunction with the Treasurer, files the annual return, changes in the Directors of the Society, amendments in the Bylaws and other incorporating documents with the Corporate Registry; and
- j. Carries out other duties assigned by the Board.

7.2.4 The Treasurer:

- a. Ensures all monies paid to the Society are deposited in a chartered bank, treasury branch or trust company chosen by the Board;
- b. Ensures a detailed account of revenues and expenditures are presented to the Board as requested, balance statement, profit loss statement.
- c. Ensures an audited statement of the financial position of the Society is prepared and presented to the AGM;
- d. In conjunction with the Secretary, following the AGM, ensure that the audited financial statement is submitted to Alberta Agriculture in Edmonton on or before the 15th day of January each year;
- e. Is a Member of the Executive Committee; and
- f. Carries out other duties assigned by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

8.1 The work of the Society may be vested in Committees, such as:

- a. Advertising and Newsletter
- b. Building and Grounds
- c. Casino Chairperson
- d. Complaint, Comment, Suggestion and Discipline
- e. Finance, Budget and Grant
- f. Fundraising, Entertainment and Events
- g. Human Resources
- h. Ice Scheduling
- i. Membership, Volunteer
- j. Men's Auction
- k. Policy, Procedure and Bylaws
- l. Riding Arena
- m. Safety
- n. User Group Representative
- o. Expansion/Upgrades

8.2 Each Committee appointed by the Board shall include a Director and shall be composed of such other Directors and Members as may be required to fulfill the mandate of the Committee.

8.3 The Chairman of each Committee shall appoint a recording secretary and may also appoint a financial coordinator and such other such persons as may be required for the Committee to function properly.

8.4 The Board shall provide the Chairman of each Committee with a detailed written outline which may include, but is not limited to, what the Committee is expected to do, the time limits for completing the task, directions for when and how the Committee is to report to the Board, and details of any budget the

Committee is to work within. This outline will be known as a Committee's Terms of Reference.

8.5 The Chairman of each Committee shall submit written reports to the Board as directed by the Board detailing all actions taken by the Committee and recommendations for further actions and activities of the Committee.

8.6 The minutes and financial statements of each Committee shall be reported to the Board and incorporated on a regular basis into the master filing system of the Society. In the event that a Committee does not adhere to or complete its outlined terms of Reference (see bylaw 8.4), the President shall call an Executive Meeting to determine the required course of action to be taken, and if necessary the President, as an ex-officio Member of said Committee, may exercise the authority to assume the position or appoint an alternative Director to become the chairman of said Committee.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

9.1 Annual General Meeting

9.1.1 The Society shall hold an AGM on or before the 20th day of November, in each year.

9.1.2 The Secretary shall give at least 2 weeks notice of the place and time, to all Members of the Society

9.1.3 Any Special item of business will require thirty (30) days notice and a mailing to all Members.

9.1.4 The order of business may be as follows:

- a. Reading minutes of previous meeting;
- b. Reports of Directors;
- c. Reports of Committees;
- d. Review of financial statements setting out the Society's income, disbursements, assets and liabilities and the auditor's report;
- e. Register a motion appointing signing authorities;
- f. A report of the activity carried out by the Society during the current financial year;
- g. Appointing the auditors;
- h. Unfinished Business;
- i. New Business;
- j. Elections of Directors;
- k. Adjournment.

9.1.5 All reports of Directors and Committees will be provided in written form to the Secretary.

9.1.6 The Treasurer will ensure that an independently reviewed financial statement is available for all Members. Copies of this report will be available upon request.

9.2 Special Meetings:

9.2.1 When three (3) or more Director are of the opinion that a matter should be brought to the attention of the Members of the Society, the Directors may, for that purpose, on thirty (30) days written notice to the Society, order a Special Meeting.

9.2.2 The Board must call a Special Meeting when requested, in writing, by ten (10) Members of the Society.

A Special Meeting should be called whenever the Society is pursuing a project over \$1 million, or is taking out a mortgage, debenture, loan or lease.

To pass a motion at a special meeting an approval of 75% is required.

9.2.3 Memberships must be purchased 30 days prior to a special meeting.

9.3 Meeting of the Directors:

9.3.1 Meeting of the Directors shall be held monthly, on the Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm, at the Indus Recreation Centre, with the exception of July.

a. No meeting to be held in July unless required by the Board of Directors.

b. In exceptional circumstances, a meeting of the Directors may be called on less than two (2) weeks notice.

9.3.2 Directors Meetings shall be open to all Members for their information and input. The Directors have the responsibility and authority to make motions and vote.

9.3.3 The President presides over Meetings of the Society. The Vice-President presides in the absence of the President. If neither the President nor the Vice-President is present within one-half (1/2) hour after the set time for the Meeting, the Members present choose one (1) of the Members to preside.

9.3.5 Any unbudgeted expenditure by the Society, in excess of \$1,000, requires the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

9.3.6 Any expenditure not approved as a budgetary item must be approved by the majority of the Board prior to the expenditure being made.

9.3.7 Any Member of the Board who is absent from three meetings in a year shall (unless authorized by the Board and entered upon the minutes) forfeit their Directorship and another Member of the Society may be appointed in their place until the next AGM.

9.3.8 Directors may hold a closed Meeting, for discussion of matters considered by the majority of Directors as sensitive. Any discussion of personnel will be considered a closed Meeting.

ARTICLE X - QUORUM

10.1 A quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be any five (5) Directors.

10.2 A quorum at an AGM or Special Meeting shall be a minimum of ten (10) Members present.

10.3 Failure to Reach Quorum.

The President cancels the Meeting if a quorum is not present within one-half (1/2) hour after the set time. If cancelled, the meeting is rescheduled for one (1) week later at the same time and place. If a quorum is not present within one-half (1/2) hour after the set time of the second meeting, the meeting will proceed with the Members in attendance, but no motions can be voted upon.

ARTICLE XI - VOTING

11.1 In order to be eligible to vote at any meeting of the Society, a Member must have paid the Membership fees for the current year prior to the meeting.

11.2 Abstentions shall not be considered in determining whether a Resolution is passed or lost.

11.3 All Members are allowed one vote.

11.4 All Members must be present to vote.

11.5 A show of hands decides every vote, unless a ballot vote is requested by two (2) voting Members.

11.6 If there is a tie vote, the motion is defeated.

11.7 The President declares a Resolution carried or lost.

ARTICLE XII – ELECTRONIC VOTING

12.1 In exceptional circumstances, the President may determine that it is necessary to proceed with an action between scheduled Board Meetings. The President can authorize the Executive Director (secretary, ex-officio) to conduct a vote electronically. The Executive Director must ensure that all Directors of the Board have access to adequate information about the motion upon which they are being asked to vote.

12.1.2 Electronic voting is not to be considered usual practice to conduct Board business.

12.1.3 Electronic Voting should be used only in time-limited situations or exceptional circumstances. Items must be:

- a. not controversial,
- b. routine and do not require extensive background and explanation,
- c. extremely time sensitive and may have serious consequences for the Society

12.1.4 Decisions must be unanimous.

12.1.5 Once the electronic voting process begins, any Board Member, may decide that the issue cannot be decided by electronic voting and thus, a decision will not be made.

12.1.6 All communication to the motion must be kept and entered into record.

ARTICLE XIII - FINANCIAL ASPECTS, BORROWING POWERS, EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS

13.1 The fiscal year end of the Society shall be August 31 of each year.

13.2 The funds of the Society, however derived, shall not be expended for any objects inconsistent with those of the Society or authorized by the Act.

13.3 The funds of the Society shall be deposited in accounts in a Chartered Bank, treasury branch or trust company chosen by the Board; or such other banking institution as is permitted under the Act.

13.4 The Directors are authorized to invest the funds of the Society that are not immediately required only in accordance with the Trustee Act.

13.5.1 For the purpose of carrying out its objects, the Society may borrow, raise or secure funds in any manner that it determines appropriate.

13.5.2 The power of a Society under 12.5.1 shall be exercised only under the authority of the Bylaws of the Society and in no case shall debentures be issued without the sanction of a Special Resolution of the Society.

13.6 Upon approval of the Board, all cheques of the Society require two (2) separate signatures, by the President, Vice President(s), or Secretary/Treasurer or Treasurer. No two family Members are permitted to sign any cheque. Any cheque payable to a signing Executive, shall not be signed by that person.

13.7 An audited or review engagement report of the accounts of the Society shall be prepared by an independent Certified General Accountant, Certified Management Accountant or Chartered Accountant. The financial report must be approved at the AGM by the Membership.

13.8 All financial records of the Society, except for records designated as confidential, are open for inspection by the Members, during normal business hours and with reasonable notice.

ARTICLE XIV- FACILITIES - USAGE AND RENTALS

14.1 The Board shall establish policies and procedures for the usage and rentals of all facilities owned or controlled by the Society.

14.2 The Manager(s), or designate, shall be responsibility for ensuring that the policies and procedures established by the Board are followed in all cases of usage or rental of facilities owned or controlled by the Society whether such usage is by User Group Committees or a third party.

14.3 The Board shall have the ultimate authority to approve or deny all proposed usage or rentals of Society facilities.

14.4 All groups or individuals using or renting any of the Society's facilities shall sign and abide by the Society's Facilities User Agreement, which shall contain all the terms and conditions under which the user is granted access to the facility. The Facility User Agreement shall contain terms including, but not limited to, the date and time of access, limitations on the area or purpose of the use, the number of participants permitted, fees (if any) charged by the Society for the use and an indemnity from the users in favor of the Society.

14.5 All clubs, associations, and other user groups of the Society shall obtain director and liability and/or livestock insurance.

ARTICLE XV – MANAGER(S)

15.1 The Board may hire a Manager(s) to carry out assigned duties.

- a. hiring, supervising, evaluating and releasing all other paid staff;
- b. interpreting and applying the Board's policies;
- c. keeping the Board informed about the affairs of the Society;
- d. maintaining the Society's books
- e. preparing budgets for Board approval;
- f. representing the Society and amateur sport at various committees, meetings and presentations
- g. planning programs and services based on the Board's priorities; and
- h. carrying out other duties assigned by the Board.

15.2 The Managers report directly to the President, are responsible to the Board, and act as advisors to the Board and Committees.

ARTICLE XVI - KEEPING AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS

16.1 The Secretary keeps a copy of the Minute Books and records minutes of all Meetings. The President will initial all minutes and financial reports after approval by the Board.

16.2 The Secretary keeps the original Minute Books at the Registered Office of the Society. This record contains minutes from all meetings of the Society, the Board and the Executive Committee. A backup electronic copy of the minutes should also be kept.

16.3 The Board keeps and files all necessary books and records of the Society as required by the Bylaws, the Agricultural Societies Act, or any other statute or laws.

ARTICLE XVII- CONFLICT OF INTEREST

17.1 In the event that a Director or any member of their respective immediate families has any direct or indirect financial interest in any matter or is a party to a material contract or proposed material contract or has a material interest in any person, corporation, partnership or other organization or entity which is a party to a material contract or proposed material contract (a “Conflicted Matter”) before the Board of Directors or any committee of the Board of Directors (other than a matter pertaining to the remuneration, reimbursement, indemnity or protection of any person or in its capacity as a Director), that Director (a “Conflicted Director”) shall fully disclose the nature and extent of their interest by written notice or by verbal declaration at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of such committee and such declaration shall be recorded in the minutes of such meeting, and that Conflicted Director shall absent himself or herself from the meeting while such matter is under discussion and during any vote on such matter PROVIDED HOWEVER that:

- a. such Conflicted Director may be permitted by the President of the particular meeting to participate in some or all the discussions pertaining to such matter (but not to vote or to remain in attendance during any vote on the matter) if and to the extent that such President deems it in the interests of the Society that such Conflicted Director do so; and
- b. a quorum shall be deemed to be present for the purposes of voting on the Conflicted Matter if, and only if, a majority of the Directors or committee (as applicable) who are not a Conflicted Director with respect to that Conflicted Matter are present at the time of such vote.
- c. without limitation to the foregoing, no Conflicted Director shall seek to in any manner influence a decision made, or to be made by or on behalf of the Society (and whether by the Board of Directors or through the agency of any officer, agent, contractor or employee of the Association) in respect of any Conflicted Matter.

17.2 The term “Conflicted Matter” shall include potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest where:

- a. a potential conflict of interest occurs when a Director has knowledge that the performance of a duty or function or exercise of power may result in a direct or indirect personal gain, including a gain for their private interest and/or a related person but has not yet performed that duty or function;
- b. a perceived conflict of interest occurs when there is a perception formed by a reasonable, informed third party that a conflict of interest exists; and
- c. an actual conflict of interest occurs when the Director exercises a power or performs a function or duty with the knowledge that there may be a personal gain, including a gain for their private interest and/or a related person. ii. the term “related person” includes:
 - i. a corporation or other entity or organization which a person directly or indirectly owns or controls;
 - ii. an employee of such corporation or other entity or organization; and
 - iii. an affiliate (as that term is defined in the Business Corporations Act (Alberta))
 - iv. a family member or relative

17.3 Should a conflict of interest be discovered after such a vote, the vote of that individual and the motion in question will be considered null and void. Any costs incurred in this process may be pursued through the fraudulent vote.

ARTICLE XVIII - DISTRIBUTING ASSETS AND DISOLVING THE SOCIETY

18.1 In the event of the dissolution of the Society, which shall require a Special Resolution of the Membership, the assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a Charity or Non-Profit of the Boards approval, with the exception of gaming proceeds.

18.2 All remaining gaming proceeds, after payment of all debts and liabilities, shall be disbursed to eligible charitable groups or purposes as per Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission regulations.

18.3 The Society does not pay any dividends or distribute its property among its Members.

Date: _____

<u>Signature:</u> _____	Address City/Town	Province	Apartment Postal Code
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WITNESS <u>Signature:</u> _____	Address City/Town	Province	Apartment Postal Code
Print Name:			

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OBJECTS

The object of the Society is to encourage improvement in agriculture and in the quality of life of persons living in the agricultural community served by the Society by developing programs, services and facilities based on the needs of the community.

- a. To encourage improvement in agriculture and in the quality of life of persons living in an agricultural community by developing programs, services and facilities based on needs in the agricultural community.
- b. To maintain a viable non-profit organization to represent and serve the citizens of Indus and surrounding agricultural areas.
- c. To promote the interests of the Society and to organize and promote social, recreational, cultural, athletic, educational, creative and other activities for its members.
- d. To demonstrate the values and abilities of all citizens and create an awareness of their unique agricultural contribution to the Canadian lifestyle.
- e. To encourage physical, social and creative achievements through participation and friendly activities;
- f. To engender a sense of community spirit by providing the opportunity and catalyst for community activities for all ages.
- g. To acquire funds, whether through gifts or otherwise, to assist the Society with its objects and purposes;
- h. To acquire and hold lands and real and personal property and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of same as the Society shall from time to time see fit, with power to mortgage or otherwise encumber the same in such way or subject to such conditions, covenants, powers of sale or otherwise as the Society deems requisite;
- i. To hire or otherwise employ persons to assist the Society in the fulfillment of its other objects and purposes;
- j. To enter into any arrangements with any governmental authority, municipality, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Society's objects, or any of them, and to obtain from any such governmental authority any rights, privileges or concessions which the Society may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;
- k. To apply for, secure, acquire by grant or legislative enactment, carry out and enjoy any charter, license, power, authority, franchise, concession, right or privilege which any government or authority of any company or other public body may be empowered to grant, and to pay for, aid in and contribute toward carrying the same into effect;
- l. To do all such other acts or things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and to exercise all and every power as may be set forth in the *Agricultural Societies Act, 2000*.
- m. For the purposes of furthering the objects above, but only for such purposes (and only to the extent permitted under the provisions of the Charities Regulations in respect to charitable organizations) to:
 - i. solicit, receive, acquire and hold donations, gifts and bequests. This includes accepting gifts, donations, grants, legacies, bequests and inheritances;
 - ii. lease, purchase or otherwise acquire physical facilities to house the Society and its works, and
 - iii. to borrow funds and lease, mortgage, sell and otherwise dispose of property of the Society in accordance with existing agreements.