

## **MOTION TO ADOPT NEW VOCTADA BYLAWS**

### **Purpose:**

This motion is introduced to update current bylaws that have been in place since 1995. The intention is to update language by using a current template provided by NS Registry of Joint Stock. Additional objectives are to ensure bylaws reflect current means of communication.

### **Rationale for Motion:**

There had been no recorded review of bylaws since 1995. A quick review noted language that needed to be updated and some concerns, such as only requiring a three day notice of any meeting, whether Executive, Board or Membership.

Copies of both the current bylaws and proposed bylaws are attached and available upon request. Besides language changes, following are changes incorporated into the new bylaws:

- Fiscal year April 1 to March 31
- Currently three days' notice of any meeting; Changed to two weeks notice of an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting. Meetings of the Board or Executive may be called at any time.

, the current fiscal year end results in many members unable to vote on important issues.

By changing the fiscal year end to March 31, VOCTADA will be in line with the municipal, provincial and federal fiscal years. As well, the AGM will be scheduled to take place by June 30, at a time that a greater number of members are available to attend the AGM and participate in decision making.

The change will require the current fiscal year be January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017. All fiscal years following will be April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current 2017 fiscal year of VOCTADA be January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT all following fiscal years be April 1 to March 31 of the following year.