



## THE BALMY BEACH CLUB

### Brief History and Mandate

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1903, an organization named, The Balmy Beach Club (the Club), was incorporated through the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of York. As stated in the Articles of Incorporation<sup>1</sup>, the object of the Club is to provide its members with suitable accommodation, means and appliances for the pursuit as a pastime of athletic sports.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1903, the land formerly known as the Private Promenade was granted to the Town of East Toronto (Currently the City of Toronto) by an Act<sup>2</sup> through the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario. This land was to be held as a park and place of recreation; to be known and designated as “Balmy Beach Park” and the management, regulation and control of the park was vested in and exercised by a board called “The Board of Management of the Balmy Beach Park”.

A close relationship developed between The Board of Management of the Balmy Beach Park and the Club and its Board of Directors, and funds were jointly raised to build a new clubhouse in the park. The use of this facility would be consistent with the mandates of both the Balmy Beach Park and the Club. On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1905, the first clubhouse was opened in Balmy Beach Park and was subsequently used and occupied by the Club and its membership.

The Club has continued its mandate throughout the years by developing teams and athletes that represent the Club, and its values, through various sports activities. The Club, through its Board of Directors, continues this mandate today through its seven sports sections. These sections compete at a member level, an inter-club level, and some athletes and teams go on to represent the Club at a Provincial, National, and International level.

The Club is a private organization, which operates as a not-for-profit corporation. It charges fees and grants memberships to those who support its mandate; and in return it provides goods and services to its members. The Club is not a bar, a restaurant, or a country club. These are the goods and services that the Club provides its members who wish to support the mandate of the Club. The revenues generated from the fees and services are used to operate the Club and fund its mandate.

The Club, its respective sports sections and membership must all abide by three governing mandates to continue to receive certain privileges.

1. Rules and regulations governing a not-for-profit organization (NPO).
2. Rules and regulations governing the use of the Balmy Beach Park lands.
3. Bylaws of The Balmy Beach Club.

The Club exists as an NPO based on its mandate and must remain compliant with Canada Revenue Agency to continue the privilege of being exempt from paying income tax. The clubhouse and the property of the Club is situated on land within Balmy Beach Park, which is owned by the City of Toronto. Based on the mandate of the park and the mandate of the Club, as an NPO, the Club has

been extended the privilege of being exempt from paying property tax. The Bylaws of the Club state how it is to be governed and outlines the obligations of the respective sports sections and membership to continue to maintain its NPO status and to continue to receive these tax exemptions. Any violation of these governing mandates could put the Club in jeopardy.

## **Mission Statement**

The Balmy Beach Club was established for the pursuit of athletic sports and continues to provide the community with an environment that encourages members to participate in sporting activities. In addition, we endeavor to provide our members with an experience that promotes values, recreation, social activities, camaraderie and friendship through sports.

## **Values Statement**

***Community and Inclusion*** All members are welcome and included in the clubhouse, the grounds and at club events. All members are welcome to join additional sections and pay any requisite fee. The community is welcome to apply to join the club and enjoy the same benefits when sponsored by a member in good standing.

***Trust and Respect*** The Balmy Beach Club strives to create an establishment where all guests and members exemplify trust, are trustworthy, and respect all persons who attend the club and any events held by the club

***Accountability and Collaboration*** Members of the Balmy Beach Club, and all sections, will strive to work together in collaboration for the general good of the club and will be accountable for any actions.

***Integrity and Good Sportsmanship*** Above all, the Balmy Beach Club is an Athletic club whose prime objective is to always participate in a manner of good sportsmanship, pride and utmost integrity.

## **Athletic Membership**

An athletic membership is granted to those who support the mandate of The Balmy Beach Club, its values, and its Code of Conduct. It provides exclusive access to the clubhouse and the use of all goods and services provided throughout the clubhouse. This includes the use of the food and beverage service and the use of the bar, lounge, deck and hall areas, subject to availability. It also includes access and use of the gym, squash courts, change rooms and shower facilities.

## **Social Membership**

A social membership is granted to those who support the mandate of The Balmy Beach Club, its values, and its Code of Conduct. It provides exclusive access to the clubhouse and the use of all goods and services provided on the main level of the clubhouse. This includes the use of the food and beverage service and the use of the bar, lounge, deck and hall areas, subject to availability.

## Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure a safe, enjoyable, friendly and respectful place for all members, visitors and staff to gather in the spirit of relaxation, good will, fun and friendly competition. The Code of Conduct differs from the Club By-Laws in that it addresses acceptable/unacceptable behaviour.

1. The Balmy Beach Club expects staff, members, their guests, visitors and others while on the property, or representing the Club off-site, to behave in a manner that does not contravene the Code of Conduct, Club Bylaws or any policies that may be in place by the Club Sections and in a manner that is not injurious to the reputation and interests of the Balmy Beach Club.
2. Anyone using BBC facilities must, at all times, be respectful towards Club members, guests, volunteers, directors and employees.
3. A member is responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times.
4. Anyone using BBC facilities must comply with our policy on Responsible Alcohol Service, keeping the best interests of the club in mind at all times.
5. Failure to comply with the Balmy Beach Club's (herein referred to as BBC) Code of Conduct, or engaging in conduct that is injurious or detrimental to the Club, may face expulsion from the Club, sanctioning by the Board or legal action. This conduct may include, but shall not be limited to the following:
  - Financial delinquency in the payment of tabs or membership fees
  - Use of foul language on the premises
  - Aggressive, abusive and/or threatening communication with staff or other members
  - Acts of violence or attempted acts of violence towards members, guests or employees which causes or could cause physical harm
  - Harassment of any kind including, but not limited to, criminal harassment, bullying or sexual harassment of fellow members, guests or employees
  - Lewd or inappropriate behaviour including any acts deemed illegal - Slander, Defamation or Libellous mischief
  - Activities in contravention of the Liquor License Act and or any Permits in connect thereof
  - Inappropriate use of Club Property or Club equipment
  - Theft and/or wilful damage

<sup>1</sup> Declaration to become incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 211 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario 1897 entitled "An Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies", dated February 11, 1903

<sup>2</sup> An Act respecting the Town of East Toronto, 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 10<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 3 Edward VII, 1903, received Royal Ascent June 12, 1903