

**EPS 3450 – THE CLIFFS
CONSOLIDATED BYLAWS
2020**

DIVISION 1 – DUTIES OF OWNERS, TENANTS, OCCUPANTS AND VISITORS

1 PAYMENT OF STRATA FEES

(Amended at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)

- 1.1 Each owner must pay his or her strata fees on or before the first day of the month to which the strata fees relate.
- 1.2 If an owner is late in paying his or her strata fees, that owner must pay the Strata Corporation interest on the late payment in the amount of 10% per annum, compounded annually, and calculated on a monthly basis commencing from the date the payment was due and continuing until the last day of the month in which it is paid.
- 1.3 Each dishonored cheque or dishonored automatic debit will be subject to a fine of administration charge of \$50.00. *(Amended at the Annual General Meeting July 29, 2020)*
- 1.4 Any fines assessed pursuant to these bylaws will be added to the strata fees of the owner following the date of the notice of infraction.
- 1.5 Penalty fines referred to in 1.2 and 1.3 above will apply to outstanding and overdue special levies and assessments.

2 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY BY OWNER

- 2.1 An owner must maintain and repair the owner's strata lot, except for repair and maintenance that is the responsibility of the Strata Corporation under these bylaws.
- 2.2 An owner who has the use of limited common property must repair and maintain it, except for repair and maintenance that is the responsibility of the Strata Corporation under these bylaws.
- 2.3 An owner who has the use of common property must water the grass and plants surrounding the unit following the local municipal bylaws for summer watering restrictions. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 2.4 In the event of damage to the lawn or plants as a result of the owner, tenant, occupant or visitor the owner will be responsible for the costs of repair. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*

3 USE OF PROPERTY

- 3.1 An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must not use a strata lot, the common property or common assets in a way that;
 - a) causes a nuisance or hazard to another person,
 - b) causes unreasonable noise,
 - c) unreasonably interferes with the rights of other persons to use and enjoy the common property, common assets or another strata lot,

- d) is illegal, or
 - e) is contrary to a purpose for which the strata lot or common property is intended as shown expressly or by necessary implication on or by the strata plan.
- 3.2 An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must not cause damage, other than reasonable wear and tear, to the common property, common assets or those parts of a strata lot which the Strata Corporation must repair and maintain under these bylaws or insure under section 149 of the Act.
- 3.3 Outdoor holiday lights are permitted only from November 15th to February 15th (unless it is not safe to do so, then they may be taken down by end of the following week that is safe to remove) inclusive of other celebrations. Using non-permanent clips as opposed to nailing or screwing into the soffit or any part of the building. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 3.4 Owners/Residents must disconnect their hoses from the outside hose bibs during cold weather, if Owners do not comply they will be liable for any/all costs incurred. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 3.5 An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must not use the strata lot, common property or common assets for the cultivation or commercial sale of marijuana. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*

4 PETS

- 4.1 An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must ensure that all animals are leashed or otherwise secured when on the common property or on land that is a common asset.
- 4.2 An owner, tenant or occupant must not keep any pets on a strata lot other than one or more of the following;
- a) a reasonable number of fish or other small aquarium animals,
 - b) a reasonable number of small caged animals,
 - c) up to 2 caged birds, and
 - d) two dogs and or two cats *(Amended at the Annual General Meeting July 29, 2020)*
- 4.3 All pet(s) must be licensed or registered annually in accordance with any existing municipal bylaw. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 4.4 All dogs, cats or rabbits must have permanent identification in the form of a tattoo or microchip. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 4.5 The owner, tenant, occupant or visitor will pick up the pets' waste immediately from any area on the residential property. Failure to act promptly will be a breach of the Schedule of Standard Bylaws Use of property 3 (2). *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 4.6 The owner must act in accordance with Schedule of Standard Bylaws Use of property 3 (1)(b). If the owner, tenant, occupant or visitor's pet is disturbing the quiet enjoyment of others, the owner, tenant, occupant or visitor will remediate the problem through work with a pet trainer, behaviorist, daycare, or sitter/walker. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*

- 4.7 The owner must ensure that all pet(s) are kept well-groomed, in particular that the nails of dogs and cats are kept trimmed to limit potential noise and damage related to pacing and scratching. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 4.8 The pet(s) must not be left in the rental unit if the owner, tenant, occupant or visitor will be absent from the unit for an extended period of time. If the pet(s) are left in the care of an alternate caregiver in the unit, the name and telephone number for the caregiver must be provided to the strata council. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 4.9 Prohibited or restricted exotic animals, as defined by the B.C. Wildlife Act Controlled Alien Species Regulation are not permitted as pets. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 4.10 Pets may not be left unattended on a balcony or in common property. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 4.11 The owner must not undertake any act to unduly attract animals, birds or wildlife to a residential strata lot, common or limited common property. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*
- 4.12 Bird feeders are not allowed on common property or limited common property. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*

5 INFORM STRATA CORPORATION

- 5.1 Within 2 weeks of becoming an owner, an owner must inform the Strata Corporation of the owner's name, strata lot number and mailing address outside the strata plan, if any.
- 5.2 On request by the Strata Corporation, a tenant must inform the Strata Corporation of his or her last name.

6 OBTAIN APPROVAL BEFORE ALTERING A STRATA LOT

- 6.1 An owner must obtain the written approval of the Strata Corporation before making an alteration to a strata lot that involves any of the following;
 - a) the structure of a building,
 - b) the exterior of a building,
 - c) chimneys, stairs, balconies or other things attached to the exterior of a building,
 - d) doors, windows or skylights on the exterior of a building, or that front on the common property,
 - e) fences, railings or similar structures that enclose a patio, balcony or yard,
 - f) common property located within the boundaries of a strata lot, and
 - g) those parts of the strata lot which the Strata Corporation must insure under section 149 of the Act.
- 6.2 The Strata Corporation must not unreasonably withhold its approval under subsection 6.1, but may require as a condition of its approval that the owner agree, in writing, to take responsibility for any expenses relating to the alteration.

- 6.3 This section does not apply to a strata lot in a bare land strata plan.
- 6.4 Air conditioning devices, or supplementary heating devices attached on or placed on the window sill of common or limited property are not permitted. *(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)*

7 OBTAIN APPROVAL BEFORE ALTERING COMMON PROPERTY

- 7.1 An owner must obtain the written approval of the Strata Corporation before making an alteration to common property, including limited common property, or common assets.
- 7.2 The Strata Corporation may require as a condition of its approval that the owner agree, in writing, to take responsibility for any expenses relating to the alteration.

8 PERMIT ENTRY TO STRATA LOT

- 8.1 An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must allow a person authorized by the Strata Corporation to enter the strata lot;
- a) in an emergency, without notice, to ensure safety or prevent significant loss or damage, and
 - b) at a reasonable time, on 48 hours written notice to inspect, repair or maintain common property, common assets and any portions of a strata lot that are the responsibility of the Strata Corporation to repair and maintain under these bylaws or insure under section 149 of the Act.
- 8.2 The notice referred to in subsection 8.1(b) must include the date and approximate time of entry, and the reason for entry.

DIVISION 2 – POWERS AND DUTIES OF STRATA CORPORATION

9 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY BY STRATA CORPORATION

- 9.1 The Strata Corporation must repair and maintain all of the following;
- a) common assets of the Strata Corporation,
 - b) common property that has not been designated as limited common property,
 - c) limited common property, but the duty to repair and maintain it is restricted to;
 - (i) repair and maintenance that in the ordinary course of events occurs less often than once a year, and
 - (ii) the following, no matter how often the repair or maintenance ordinarily occurs;
 - (A) the structure of a building,
 - (B) the exterior of a building,
 - (C) chimneys, stairs, balconies and other things attached to the exterior of a building,

- (D) doors, windows and skylights on the exterior of a building or that front on the common property, and
 - (E) fences, railings and similar structures that enclose patios, balconies and yards.
- d) a strata lot in a strata plan that is not a bare land strata plan, but the duty to repair and maintain it is restricted to;
- (i) the structure of a building,
 - (ii) the exterior of a building,
 - (iii) chimneys, stairs, balconies and other things attached to the exterior of a building,
 - (iv) doors, windows and skylights on the exterior of a building or that front on the common property, and
 - (v) fences, railings and similar structures that enclose patios, balconies and yards.

DIVISION 3 - COUNCIL

10 COUNCIL SIZE

- 10.1 Subject to subsection 10.2 the council must have at least 3 and not more than 7 members.
- 10.2 If the strata plan has fewer than 4 strata lots or the Strata Corporation has fewer than 4 owners, all the owners are on the council.

11 COUNCIL MEMBERS' TERMS

- 11.1 The term of office of a council member ends at the end of the Annual General Meeting at which the new council is elected.
- 11.2 A person whose term as council member is ending is eligible for re-election.

12 REMOVING COUNCIL MEMBER

- 12.1 Unless all the owners are on the council, the Strata Corporation may, by a resolution passed by a majority vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting, remove one or more council members.
- 12.2 After removing a council member, the Strata Corporation must hold an election at the same Annual or Special General Meeting to replace the council member for the remainder of the term.

13 REPLACING COUNCIL MEMBER

- 13.1 If a council member resigns or is unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, the remaining members of the council may appoint a replacement council member for the remainder of the term.

- 13.2 A replacement council member may be appointed from any person eligible to sit on the council.
- 13.3 The council may appoint a council member under this section even if the absence of the member being replaced leaves the council without a quorum.
- 13.4 If all the members of the council resign or are unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, persons holding at least 25% of the Strata Corporation's votes may hold a special general meeting to elect a new council by complying with the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the bylaws respecting the calling and holding of meetings.

14 OFFICERS

- 14.1 At the first meeting of the council held after each Annual General Meeting of the Strata Corporation, the council must elect, from among its members, a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer.
- 14.2 A person may hold more than one office at a time, other than the offices of president and vice president.
- 14.3 The vice president has the powers and duties of the president;
 - a) while the president is absent or is unwilling or unable to act, or
 - b) for the remainder of the president's term if the president ceases to hold office.
- 14.4 If an officer other than the president is unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, the council members may appoint a replacement officer from among themselves for the remainder of the term.

15 CALLING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 15.1 Any council member may call a council meeting by giving the other council members at least one week's notice of the meeting, specifying the reason for calling the meeting.
- 15.2 The notice does not have to be in writing.
- 15.3 A council meeting may be held on less than one week's notice if;
 - a) all council members consent in advance of the meeting, or
 - b) the meeting is required to deal with an emergency situation, and all council members either;
 - (i) consent in advance of the meeting, or
 - (ii) are unavailable to provide consent after reasonable attempts to contact them.
- 15.4 The council must inform owners about a council meeting as soon as feasible after the meeting has been called.

16 QUORUM OF COUNCIL

- 16.1 A quorum of the council is;
- a) 1, if the council consists of one member,
 - b) 2, if the council consists of 2, 3 or 4 members,
 - c) 3, if the council consists of 5 or 6 members, and
 - d) 4, if the council consists of 7 members.
- 16.2 Council members must be present in person at the council meeting to be counted in establishing quorum.

17 COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 17.1 At the option of the council, council meetings may be held by electronic means, so long as all council members and other participants can communicate with each other.
- 17.2 If a council meeting is held by electronic means, council members are deemed to be present in person.
- 17.3 Owners may attend council meetings as observers.
- 17.4 Despite subsection 17.3, no observers may attend those portions of council meetings that deal with any of the following;
- a) bylaw contravention hearings under section 135 of the Act,
 - b) rental restriction bylaw exemption hearings under section 144 of the Act, and
 - c) any other matters if the presence of observers would, in the council's opinion, unreasonably interfere with an individual's privacy.

18 VOTING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 18.1 At council meetings, decisions must be made by a majority of council members present in person at the meeting.
- 18.2 Unless there are only two strata lots in the strata plan, if there is a tie vote at a council meeting, the president may break the tie by casting a second, deciding vote.
- 18.3 The results of all votes at a council meeting must be recorded in the council meeting minutes.

19 COUNCIL TO INFORM OWNERS OF MINUTES

- 19.1 The council must inform owners of the minutes of all council meetings within 2 weeks of the meeting, whether or not the minutes have been approved.

20 DELEGATION OF COUNCIL'S POWERS AND DUTIES

- 20.1 Subject to subsections 20.2 to 20.4, the council may delegate some or all of its powers and duties to one or more council members or persons who are not members of the council, and may revoke the delegation.
- 20.2 The council may delegate its spending powers or duties, but only by a resolution that;
- a) delegates the authority to make an expenditure of a specific amount for a specific purpose, or
 - b) delegates the general authority to make expenditures in accordance with subsection 20.3
- 20.3 A delegation of a general authority to make expenditures must;
- a) set a maximum amount that may be spent, and
 - b) indicate the purposes for which, or the conditions under which, the money may be spent.
- 20.4 The council may not delegate its powers to determine, based on the facts of a particular case;
- a) whether a person has contravened a bylaw or rule,
 - b) whether a person should be fined, and the amount of the fine, or
 - c) whether a person should be denied access to a recreational facility.

21 SPENDING RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 A person may not spend the Strata Corporation's money unless the person has been delegated the power to do so in accordance with these bylaws.
- 21.2 Despite subsection 21.1, a council member may spend the Strata Corporation's money to repair or replace common property or common assets if the repair or replacement is immediately required to ensure safety or prevent significant loss or damage.

22 LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF COUNCIL MEMBER

- 22.1 A council member who acts honestly and in good faith is not personally liable because of anything done or omitted in the exercise or intended exercise of any power or the performance or intended performance of any duty of the council.
- 22.2 Subsection 22.1 does not affect a council member's liability, as an owner, for a judgment against the Strata Corporation.

DIVISION 4 - ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAWS AND RULES

23 MAXIMUM FINE

(Amended at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)

23.1 The Strata Corporation may fine an owner or tenant a maximum of;

- a) \$200.00 for each contravention of a bylaw, and
- b) \$50.00 for each contravention of a rule.

24 CONTINUING CONTRAVENTION

24.1 If an activity or lack of activity that constitutes a contravention of a bylaw or rule continues, without interruption, for longer than 7 days, a fine may be imposed every 7 days.

DIVISION 5 - ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

25 PERSON TO CHAIR MEETING

(Amended at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)

25.1 Annual and Special General Meetings must be chaired by the president of the council or the strata manager.

25.2 If the president of the council or the strata manager is unwilling or unable to act, the meeting must be chaired by the vice president of the council.

25.3 If neither the president nor the vice president of the council or the strata manager chairs the meeting a chair must be elected by the eligible voters present in person or by proxy from among those persons who are present at the meeting.

26 PARTICIPATION BY OTHER THAN ELIGIBLE VOTERS

26.1 Tenants and occupants may attend Annual and Special General Meetings, whether or not they are eligible to vote.

26.2 Persons who are not eligible to vote, including tenants and occupants, may participate in the discussion at the meeting, but only if permitted to do so by the chair of the meeting.

26.3 Persons who are not eligible to vote, including tenants and occupants, must leave the meeting if requested to do so by a resolution passed by a majority vote at the meeting.

27 VOTING

27.1 At an Annual or Special General Meeting, voting cards must be issued to eligible voters.

27.2 At an Annual or Special General Meeting a vote is decided on a show of voting cards, unless an eligible voter requests a precise count.

27.3 If a precise count is requested, the chair must decide whether it will be by show of voting cards or by roll call, secret ballot or some other method.

- 27.4 The outcome of each vote, including the number of votes for and against the resolution if a precise count is requested, must be announced by the chair and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 27.5 If there is a tie vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting, the president, or, if the president is absent or unable or unwilling to vote, the vice president, may break the tie by casting a second, deciding vote.
- 27.6 If there are only 2 strata lots in the strata plan, subsection 27.5 does not apply.
- 27.7 Despite anything in this section, an election of council or any other vote must be held by secret ballot, if the secret ballot is requested by an eligible voter.

28 ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 28.1 The order of business at Annual and Special General Meetings is as follows;
- a) certify proxies and corporate representatives and issue voting cards,
 - b) determine that there is a quorum,
 - c) elect a person to chair the meeting, if necessary,
 - d) present to the meeting proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice,
 - e) approve the agenda,
 - f) approve minutes from the last Annual or Special General Meeting,
 - g) deal with unfinished business,
 - h) receive reports of council activities and decisions since the previous Annual General Meeting, including reports of committees, if the meeting is an Annual General Meeting,
 - i) ratify any new rules made by the Strata Corporation under section 125 of the Act,
 - j) report on insurance coverage in accordance with section 154 of the Act, if the meeting is an annual general meeting,
 - k) approve the budget for the coming year in accordance with section 103 of the Act, if the meeting is an Annual General Meeting,
 - l) deal with new business, including any matters about which notice has been given under section 45 of the Act,
 - m) elect a council, if the meeting is an Annual General Meeting, and
 - n) terminate the meeting.

DIVISION 6 - VOLUNTARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

29 VOLUNTARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 29.1 A dispute among owners, tenants, the Strata Corporation or any combination of them may be referred to a dispute resolution committee by a party to the dispute if;
- a) all the parties to the dispute consent, and
 - b) the dispute involves the Act, the Regulations, the Bylaws or the Rules.
- 29.2 A dispute resolution committee consists of;
- a) one owner or tenant of the Strata Corporation nominated by each of the disputing parties and one owner or tenant chosen to chair the committee by the persons nominated by the disputing parties, or
 - b) any number of persons consented to, or chosen by a method that is consented to, by all the disputing parties.
- 29.3 The dispute resolution committee must attempt to help the disputing parties to voluntarily end the dispute.

DIVISION 7 - MARKETING ACTIVITIES BY OWNER DEVELOPER

30 DISPLAY LOT

- 30.1 An owner developer who has an unsold strata lot may carry on sales functions that relate to its sale, including the posting of signs.
- 30.2 An owner developer may use a strata lot, that the owner developer owns or rents, as a display lot for the sale of other strata lots in the strata plan.

DIVISION 8 – MISCELLANEOUS BYLAWS

31 SMOKING

(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)

- 31.1 “Smoke or Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookas and cannabis, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. “Smoking” also includes the use of an Electronic Smoking Device, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Bylaw, but does not include the strictly ceremonial use of tobacco in connection with Aboriginal cultural activity.
- a) No person shall smoke within any area designated as common property
 - b) No person shall discard or place on the ground any match, cigar or cigarette
 - c) Without limiting, no person shall discard or place directly on the ground any lighted match, cigar, cigarette or other burning substance.

INSURANCE

(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)

- 32.1 Owner insurance and liability insurance for damage to common property and strata lots;
- a) An owner must obtain liability and property insurance on their strata lot(s) sufficient to cover the cost of any uninsured repair or costs charged to the owner by the Strata Corporation pursuant to this bylaw.
 - b) An owner must provide proof of insurance to the Strata Corporation upon request.
- 32.2 In the event that loss or damage occurs to common property or limited common property or common facilities or assets, and gives rise to a valid claim under the Strata Corporation's insurance policy, it is agreed and understood that, if the origin of the loss is within the interior confines of an individual strata lot for which the owner is responsible, the Strata Corporation may sue the strata lot owner for the deductible of the Strata Corporation's policy relative to the loss, and such deductible shall be paid by the individual strata lot owner in whose lot the cause of the damage originated. *(Added at the Annual General Meeting July 29, 2020)*
- 32.3 The foregoing shall also apply if the careless, negligent or inattentive acts of a strata lot owner or occupant causes damage outside the strata lot, and the origin of the loss is anywhere on the Strata Corporation's premises. *(Added at the Annual General Meeting July 29, 2020)*
- 32.4 In the event that an Owner or Occupant or any member of his or her family or their guests, contractors, or agents, causes damage to common property, limited common property or common facilities or assets, and the damage so caused gives rise to a valid claim under the Strata Corporation's insurance policy, the deductible of the Strata Corporation's policy relative to the loss shall be paid by the individual strata lot owner. *(Added at the Annual General Meeting July 29, 2020)*
- 32.5 In the event that an owner or occupant or any member of his or her family or their guests, contractors or agents, causes damage to common property, limited common property or common facilities or assets and the damage so caused is not covered under the Strata Corporation's insurance in place, the strata lot owner shall be held responsible for such loss, and promptly reimburse the Strata Corporation for the full costs of repair or replacement. *(Added at the Annual General Meeting July 29, 2020)*
- 32.6 The only exception to the foregoing is where loss originates from the rupture or malfunction of a permanent public facility such as a supply line or sewer system that extends from common property into an individual unit, in which case the deductible of the Strata Corporation's insurance policy shall be the responsibility of the Strata Corporation. It is further agreed and understood that when any loss or damage originates from "common property" as defined in the Act, and is not the responsibility of the strata lot owner as previously defined, the deductible of the Strata Corporation's insurance policy shall then be the responsibility of the Strata Corporation. *(Added at the Annual General Meeting July 29, 2020)*

PARKING

(Added at the AGM held on April 9, 2019)

- 33.1 Motor vehicles not bearing current license plates must provide a copy of valid storage insurance or the vehicle will be towed away at the vehicle owner's sole expense, immediately without notice.

- 33.2 Vehicle parking is permitted in the driveway or the garage to each strata lot, provided the entire length of the vehicle fits on the driveway.
- 33.3 Any resident's vehicle parked in violation of any parking bylaw may be subject to removal by a towing company authorized by council, and all costs associated with such removal will be charged to the vehicle owner.
- 33.4 The visitor parking spaces are intended for the exclusive use of individuals who are visiting a resident of The Cliffs, or by trades people who are providing a service to a resident or the Strata Corporation. A resident may not park in a designated visitor parking space for a period longer than 12 hours. Any other use contravenes this bylaw. Visitor's parking lot shall be on a first come, first served basis.
- 33.5 Parking permits issued by the Strata Corporation must be placed on the dashboard of the visiting motor vehicle;
- 33.6 Visitors will not park a motor home, trailer, tractor, boat or equipment of any kind in a visitor parking space, without approval from strata council.
- 33.7 Neither council or the Strata Corporation will be held responsible for any damage or loss from the towing of any vehicle or any expense incurred by the owner.
- 33.8 Recreational vehicles (including, without limitation, any motorhome, house trailer, camper, tent trailer, fifth wheel, or boat) may not be parked on any portion of the common property, limited common property, driveway, or fire lane at any time, with the exception of loading and unloading as may be necessary to a maximum of 8 hours.
(Added at the Annual General Meeting July 29, 2020)

END OF BYLAWS