

Report of SOBLOC for YPM103, 2024 AGM

Amendments to By-Laws

All Articles

- Amended & verified formatting and stylistic inconsistencies especially the following:
 - Terms Usage
 - Capitalization
 - Punctuation

Article 1: Terms and Definitions

- Change the term, Elder to read:
 - **Traditional Knowledge Keeper**: An Elder or Traditional Knowledge Keeper selected in accordance with Article 12.
 - *Justification: Term usage*
- Add the term, Lieutenant-Governor to read:
 - **Lieutenant-Governor**: The individual selected in accordance with Article 11.
 - *Justification: Honorary President is defined in Article 1, therefore Lieutenant-Governor should be as well for clarification.*

Article 6: Landmark Events

- Change Clause 1(b) to read:
 - The event shall include at least five (5) hours of **scheduled activities** per day.
 - *Justification: During Session, members follow a schedule of activities throughout the day, so the wording is just clearer. This also reflects the term usage in the Code of Conduct.*

Article 8: Board of Directors

- Amend Clause 3 to read:
 - The term of office for Directors shall be from 1 February to 31 January **of the next year**.
 - *Justification: To clarify the new term for Directors begins the following year.*
- Amend Clause 5(e) to read:
 - oversee the development, implementation, and maintenance of a **strategic plan**;
 - *Justification: Punctuation errors*

Article 11: Lieutenant-Governor

- Amend Article 11 to read:

Article 11: LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

1. YPM Inc. shall have a Lieutenant-Governor.
2. The Board, on the recommendation of the Chairperson, shall appoint the Lieutenant-Governor.
3. To be eligible for the position of Lieutenant-Governor, a person must:
 - a. be a prominent alumnus or member of the YPM community; and/or

- b. have made a long-lasting impact on the community in which they serve.
- 4. The Lieutenant-Governor is required to attend the following events:
 - a. the Signing of the Oath and Scroll.
 - b. the Opening Banquet.
 - c. the Opening Ceremony.
 - d. the Closing Ceremony.
- 5. The Lieutenant-Governor shall:
 - a. read the Speech from the Throne;
 - b. read the Prorogation Speech; and
 - c. act as a figure representative of YPM Inc.'s storied and unique history.
 - *Justification: The term should be hyphenated because it is already hyphenated in clause 4 of the By-Laws which is correct according to Federal documents. Thus, the term should be hyphenated throughout the article for consistency.*

Article 12: Elder → Traditional Knowledge Keeper

- Amend Article 12 to read:

Article 12: TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE KEEPER

1. YPM Inc. shall have a **Traditional Knowledge Keeper**.
2. Each year, the Board, on the recommendation of the Chairperson, shall appoint a **Traditional Knowledge Keeper**.
3. To be eligible for appointment to the position of **Traditional Knowledge Keeper**, a person must:
 - a. be at least 20 years old;
 - b. not be a current Member of YPM Inc. ; and
 - c. identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis.
4. The **Traditional Knowledge Keeper** shall advise the Board on Indigenous membership, inclusion, and recognition.
5. The **Traditional Knowledge Keeper's** tenure shall cease when a new **Traditional Knowledge Keeper** is appointed.
6. The **Traditional Knowledge Keeper** is limited to serving five consecutive one-year terms.
7. The **Traditional Knowledge Keeper** is required to attend the following events:
 - a. the Opening Ceremony.
 - b. the Closing Ceremony.
 - *Justification: The terms "Elder" and "Traditional Knowledge Keeper" are often synonymous. In YPM's context, it is more beneficial to use the latter term for variety.*

Article 17: Election Meeting

- Amend Clause 20 to read:
 - Subject to the approval of the CRO, a candidate may request a recount of the ballots, **limited to 2 requests**.
 - *Justification: This limit is established to maintain the integrity of the election process.*
- Amend Clause 21(a) to read:
 - **Clause 21 is immediately in effect once the first notice of election is sent out.**

- *Justification: This clarifies that the no-campaigning clause is immediately in place once the first notice of election is sent out to once again keep the integrity of the election process. – The subclauses will then follow below.*
- Amend Clause 21(b) to read:
 - Following a first violation of Clause 21, the CRO shall give the violating candidate one warning.
 - *Justification: Formerly referenced the wrong clause.*

Amendments to Standing Orders

All Sections

- Amend formatting and stylistic inconsistencies especially the following:
 - Indentation
 - Numbering

Section III: The Speaker and Deputy Speaker

- Add Standing Order (5) that reads:
 - **Members may address the Speaker in English, French, Indigenous languages without requirement of translation.**
 - **If Members wish to speak in another language, an oral or written translation to the clerk is required.**
 - *Justification: Speeches during the Parliamentary sittings are encouraged in the above languages, therefore Members should also be encouraged to address and/or thank the Speaker in their preferred language before their speeches in the House.*

Section IV: Meetings and Time Allocation

- Change Standing Order (11) to read:
 - Every Member is bound to attend the service of the House, unless **an Executive or** a Whip has granted leave of absence.
 - *Justification: Executives are legally responsible for all Members during Session. Therefore, every member is expected to attend all scheduled activities unless with the permission of an Executive member or their designates which includes a Whip (and Cabinet).*
- Amend Standing Order (14) to read:
 - When the Orders of the Day for Second Reading of a Bill is called, time for debate on the motion shall be a minimum of 20 minutes and shall not exceed 60 minutes. Inclusive of the time for debate, the Member who moved the motion may speak for no longer than 10 minutes, **the Bill critic may speak for no longer than 5 minutes**, others may speak for no longer than 3 minutes, and the mover shall **then** have a right of reply of no longer than 5 minutes.
 - *Justification: The Bill critic is also an important role for debate. The critic presents a speech in opposition to the Bill and is often the second Member to speak in response to the mover. Secondly, “then” is added just to emphasize that the mover speaks last to share their closing remarks after debate.*

Section VI: Rules of Debate

- Amend Standing Order (28)(3)(i) to read:

- Members may not hold props in their hands for the duration of their speech.
 - Notwithstanding Standing Order 27(3), Members may hold a script to read their speech from.
- *Justification: This change is to reflect the proper standing order reference.*
- Amend Standing Order (38) to read:
 - In the course of debate no Member shall mention either a past vote or a past ruling of the Chair.
 - *Justification: Previously, it states no Member shall “reflect upon” a past vote or a past ruling of the Chair. Members have the right to reflect upon the past ruling of the Chair because they have the right to agree/disagree with the ruling. However, members cannot mention their thoughts during debate.*

Section IX: Routine Proceedings of the House

- Amend Standing Order (43) to add a clause that reads:
 - Land Acknowledgement after Silence of Reflection
- Amend Standing Order (46) to read:
 - After the Silence of Reflection, the Speaker shall read the Land Acknowledgement to recognize the land we currently reside in.
 - *Justification: Explains what the Land Acknowledgement is which is important for reconciliation.*

Section XIV: Standing Committees

- Amend Standing Order (92) to add a clause that reads:
 - The Standing Orders shall be observed in the Standing Committee in so far as may be applicable, except Standing Orders, 27, 35, and 38
 - *Justification: To ensure that the Standing Orders mentioned above matches.*

Amendments to Code of Conduct

All Sections

- Amend & verified formatting and stylistic inconsistencies especially the following:
 - Term Usage
 - Capitalization
 - Punctuation – semicolons (;) are added for lists' items
 - *Justification: The Code of Conduct previously had periods after each item. However, the Chicago Manual of Style and the Garner style recommends to use semicolons after each item and use “and” after the next-to-last-item, and use a period at the end of the last item.*

Section 2

- Amend clause (a) to add sub-clauses reading:
 - a) Members shall not engage in displays of affection of a sexual nature including but are not limited to:
 - i) Cuddling

- ii) Verbally intense/Graphic speech
- iii) Kissing
 - *Justification: For clarification of activities not allowed to ensure all Members are on the same page.*
- Add clause (d) after clause (c) that reads:
 - Members shall not steal or vandalize property
 - *Justification: For consistency because this is mentioned in section 4 (f).*

Section 3

- Amend clause (e) to read:
 - Members shall be present for **scheduled activities** and are expected to notify the Board or the Board's designate if they cannot be present.
 - *Justification: This clause only states "debate", therefore it should be clarified that members must be present for all scheduled activities (eg. committees, caucus meetings etc) not just debate.*

Recommendations

By-Laws

- Consider:
 - Rework the corporate titles of the Directors and their duties (eg. Change the corporate title of the Deputy Speaker from "Director of Finance" to "Vice-Chairperson")
 - Introduce clearer outlines for Standing Committees
 - Introducing a question-and-answer period for uncontested candidates

Standing Orders

- N/A

Code of Conduct

- Consider:
 - Add equity-handling procedures

After q/a period:

"Now we'll move to accept the amendments to YPM's governing documents as proposed by SOBLOC in the report. We need a mover and seconder. Moved by ___ and seconded by ___."