



# Victoria Folk Music Society

## *Revised Constitution and Bylaws*

### **Why a revised Constitution and Bylaws?**

Due to the BC Government's introduction of the new Societies Act, which came into effect November 28, 2016, all registered Societies are required to transition to conform to the new legislation.

This transition required some mandatory changes to the original VFMS Constitution and Bylaws. Since the Constitution and Bylaws needed to be modified anyway, the Society has chosen to take this opportunity to update and clarify them to better reflect the Society's operations today. We have made these changes with the aid of one of our VFMS members, Lynn Beak, who has helped several other local Societies transition to conform to the new legislation.

### **What must be done to adopt the revised Constitution and Bylaws?**

To be adopted, the revised Constitution and Bylaws must be approved by 75% of a quorum of members in attendance at a General meeting of the Society.

### **When will the General meeting be held to adopt the revised Constitution and Bylaws?**

The adoption of the revised Constitution and Bylaws will be considered at the upcoming VFMS Annual General Meeting which will be held at 4:30pm on Sunday January 15, 2017 at Norway House.

### **What changes have been made in the Constitution and Bylaws?**

We have strived to make as few changes to the intent of the original Constitution & Bylaws as possible while making the changes required to conform to the new legislation and incorporate the clarifications thought necessary to more accurately reflect how the society operates today. We have also taken this opportunity to simplify and clarify some of the wording in the original Constitution and Bylaws.

To assist you in reviewing the changes that have been made, copies of the original (1986) and the revised (2016) versions of the Constitution and Bylaws as well as a Summary of Changes can be reviewed in hard copy at the Folk on Sunday nights prior to the AGM or viewed on the VFMS Web site anytime at: [http://www.victoriafolkmusic.ca/vfms\\_business.html](http://www.victoriafolkmusic.ca/vfms_business.html)